

Dear praying Friends,

There is a time for everything under the sun:

A time to mourn..., the Lord blessed Sonya's prolonged time in the States with her father after the passing of her mother, Mayann Longuevan. Sonya was able to spend some necessary time to grieve with her family and to help her father as he takes on the next phase of life. **Please pray for the well-being of her father, Clair, and her brother, Nathan.**

A time to preach and a time not to preach..., I came back at the end of January and immersed myself in the work of preparing Bible studies and sermons. One thing that changed is that the church in Villeneuve wants to have services only on Sunday mornings, so I am currently not preaching there. I do go on Wednesdays to lead a Bible study and I am still president of the Church Council; however, I confess it is a strange situation. **Please commit the church in Villeneuve and our involvement there to the Lord.**

At the same time, my involvement with the church in Clairac took on more responsibility. They have asked me to preach, give two Bible studies per month, and participate in their monthly Church Council meetings. Unfortunately, the church is having to make some hard decisions, and my role is to encourage them in doing what is right. The Lord has blessed them, and helped them over some hurdles, but they still have a way to go. **Please commit the church in Clairac to the Lord.**

A time to go, and a time to come back..., When Sonya came back, her days were immediately filled with meeting ladies for Bible studies, and leading the children's clubs. **The Lord has blessed the church here in Pian Medoc** with a couple of new families and some other new contacts who are attending regularly.

Probably the most dramatic story is a "kid", who is now almost 27 years old. He came to our kids' clubs for a number of years when we first started here. He stopped coming when he was about 14, because of... life. We were shocked when he made contact with us last fall. He has been in church the last 3 Sundays and wants to be baptized soon. He has made a lot of unfortunate choices, but the Lord has had His hand on him. **Please pray that that this young man will continue on in the faith.**

A time for questions, and a time for answers ..., Our Sunday afternoons are now open since we do not go to Villeneuve anymore, so in mid-March we started doing a Sunday afternoon service for "beginning pilgrims". This service is intended for those who are discovering their new faith in the Lord. We find that it is hard for many people to make the transition from the personal Bible study phase, to going to church. We wanted to try out an idea: Keep the time casually formal, but be sure to cover the essentials, all in about an hour.

The first Sunday of our afternoon service, just one couple showed up. I started off by going over the general prayer requests like praying for our authorities, the lost around us, etc. Then I suggested we "pray for the peace of Jerusalem", according to Psalm 122. Whoopsie! Hit a nerve on that one! We spent the next two hours in the Bible as we talked about the difference between Israel and the Church, the judgement to come, the removal of the righteous from the earth before the judgement comes, like God did with Noah, and Lot, in 2 Peter 2.3-9. The couple was very comforted by what they heard. *And now this week, they have had a dramatic answer to prayer and are very convinced that only God could have worked out a solution to their situation!* **Please commit them to the Lord.**

The second Sunday, after all sorts of cancelations, just one couple, not the same one as the previous week, showed up. Ministry is about meeting people's needs and during the time of sharing from the Word, a question was asked, "Why did the Jews reject Jesus?" Behind the question is the idea that the Jews are a cursed people and therefore have no future, so I simply responded that we would talk about it later. Again, the couple stayed long after the service was done. The wife said that she has been reading through the Bible and wants to finish by the end of the year. However, she realizes that she may not be fully grasping the full intent of the Law of Moses, so she wants to go back and read it again next year! Every time we meet with them, they have more questions and we love showing them the answers in God's Word.

A time to visit..., Over a year ago, we started making plans to see all of our supporters. However, many of our plans changed over the last 9 months with Mom's home-going, and our upcoming wedding on June 6. Our daughter Sofia is getting married to Alex Carlson and we look forward to celebrating with them. Because of less responsibility in Villeneuve, and three long weekends in the month of May, we decided to take advantage of a time slot from April 13 through June 13 to come back to the States. We will be seeing supporters in the states of KS, CO, UT, CA, NE, SD, and IL. If you are in these States, we will hopefully be contacting you to line up a visit. Do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to see you!

A time to make music..., If you would like a little peak into what our daughter, Lydia has most recently been doing, here is a link: [Apothéose de Thiré](#) composed by Lydia and performed by Concert Transfiguré. Enjoy!

Make friends and take them to heaven!

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