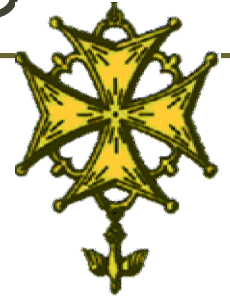


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In Nantes, French demonstrate their attachment to the traditional notion of family.

France in the midst of upheavals

Dear friends

In my previous newsletter, I mentioned that a trip to France was to be undertaken in June-July, in the midst of much social, cultural and economic upheavals. I also made mention of a strong protest movement (peaceful) against passing a law allowing homosexual marriages. Subsequent laws would probably make possible for homosexual couples not only to adopt children, but also to use various means for artificial procreation, not mentioning hiring wombs in third world countries in order to carry babies to be subsequently adopted. France seems to be the only Western country where such a large protest movement took place. Needless to say, the liberal media - not only in France but in neighbouring countries and elsewhere - downplayed or simply

ignored it. During my short stay in the large city of Nantes end of June I was able to attend smaller follow up demonstrations of people still opposing what they consider an attempt by liberals to radically redefine (actually destroy) the essence of what a family is or should be, that which also gives a unique identity to each human being.

Ministering the Gospel to the French

A calling to minister the Gospel to the French in a closer and more effective way via various media has been growing in my heart the last six or seven years. Whereas the core of the ministry of *Reformed Faith and Life* has been Francophone Africa since the inception of this ministry fifteen

years ago, the necessity to preach the authoritative and liberating Word of God incarnated in Christ to the French, became clearer as passed by. Unlike many, I am not of the opinion that Western Europe must just be given over to the destructive ideologies which undermine its civilization and populations. Who are we to say that our sovereign God does not have any elect in Europe, or that it would be a waste of time to preach to new generations there who have never heard the Gospel? *The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers* proclaims Psalm 24. Having grown up and studied in Paris, the French culture and mentalities are well known to me.

After assessing the various facets of this calling, both the Church Council of Rietvallei Reformed Church in Pretoria - the direct overseeing body over this ministry - and the North American committee of *Reformed Faith and Life* gave the green light for a relocation plan to France to take place by mid-2014. Needless to say, a host of issues must be addressed for a transition to be effected in the best possible conditions.

Keeping up the work in Africa

Needless to say too, the ministry towards French speaking African countries will continue, albeit in a different form and, in the time appointed by the Lord, with the help of a co-worker eager and qualified to take over

the various duties attached to this ministry (such as producing new radio programmes). Since my last report, logistical assistance to two Christian radios in Mali has been provided, among others to Radio Tahanint in Timbuktu (to help replace a coaxial cable damaged by Jihadists during their take-over of this part of the country). Thanks to the Lord this radio is again on the air (broadcasting *Reformed Faith and Life* as well as other programmes), to the joy of many inhabitants of Timbuktu.

Our next newsletter (early January 2014) will keep you updated with the progress made toward this important step in the ministry of *Reformed Faith and life-French*. In the meantime, we would like to make a special appeal to you to help us budget properly for some relocation expenses that need to be



Marseille (second largest city in France) is the prey of much drug related violence

addressed: settling in a new country and establishing a small *Reformed Faith and Life* centre imply more than just moving domestic goods and books abroad. Such a centre should enable us not only to produce our own video and audio recordings, but also to hold small training seminars to equip Christians active in various ministries. Our banking details are given below and we will

much appreciate any contribution (as small as it may be) to help us planning ahead. RFL's ministry is not a "one man show" but truly a communal effort - communal in the sense of *communion of the saints gathered as the body of Christ to minister his Word to the nations in the power of the Spirit, to the glory of the Father* - .

In His name

Rev. Eric Kayayan

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