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*God be with you and fill you with His joy
throughout the New Year!*

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Keep On Growing In the Lord!

"...Let us grow in every way into Him who is the Head—Christ." - Eph. 4:15

"We always thank God for you...since your faith is growing..."-2 Thess. 1:3

Have you ever felt like you couldn't bear up under the difficulties you were going through?

Every Christian experiences his or her own set of troubles in this world. That is no surprise. Our Lord told us we would. Sometimes the depth of the pain we are able to survive is a surprise and a shock to the system. In pain we understand Jesus better. With every wounding of the soul, we see a

little more of what He endured in this world, and the very nonsense from which He came to save us.

As we faithfully follow Him each day, He shapes our will to His...our thinking to His...through His Spirit and His Word; He comforts, instructs us and strengthens us, and supplies the joy and perseverance needed to face even death itself. He wants our faith to keep growing. He wants us to be obedient unto death just like Jesus. HE doesn't want anything or anyone on earth to destroy His excellent work in us. **Stay in His Word & let it take root in your life each day!**



Colmar, France

**Keep growing in the Lord!
Live by faith wholeheartedly for Him each day...no matter what!**

"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord—you serve the Lord Christ."-Col. 3:23

Special points of interest:

- Family Update
- OFW Update—West Indies
- Quebec Outreach
- Fellow-Workers around the World
- Northwest Africa Update

France Teams Forming

God seems to be gathering together some people (French & American) to help start new churches in Eastern France. Several couples have expressed interest in being a part of two new church starts in **Metz** and **Colmar** (or Mulhouse). Bren has been communicating with them and trying to help coordi-

nate some (more on this later). S.F. Timmerman, J. Lee Roberts, Bob Grigg Sr., Hilton Terry and Ken Wilson did extensive outreach in the **Metz** area in the early 90's. Bren & Daniel Frerot & a number of campaign teams have done periodic outreach in the **Colmar** area over the past 8 years

or so. There were a number of responses with each distribution in both towns, and some active contacts exist. Preparatory trips are being planned for Spring and Fall of 2007. *Please pray that clearly God leads the way & many souls are reached! Contact us at ofwmissions@adelphia.net if you want to help in some way!*

Family Update



Our Family all together right before Christmas—Bjorn, Trieste, Bren & Cheryl, Stresa & Josh.

Cheryl's Best Read of 2006:

[A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23](#) by Phillip Keller

(A gift from our dear friend Hallie Mitchell, who just passed on this month at age 98, in Springfield, MO. Such a godly woman!)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

-Philippians 4:13

We know that in the past our children's articles have been a favorite part of our newsletter. You really got to see them grow up over the past 11 years. Now our adult children are writing new chapters in their lives. We are so very thankful for their faithful hearts and that God made us a family! We recently had 'pre-Christmas' together before Stresa & Josh went to Nashville to see his family—we sat around the dinner table and laughed until we cried remembering hilarious memories from our time in

Strasbourg, France. As Bjorn noted a few years ago, "if not for that time on the mission field, we would each be very different people today!" Our kids learned such reliance on their Heavenly Father because they saw us go through so many things that we as parents were powerless to affect—except by prayer. Praise God!!! Our moms (Delores Nolan & Wanita White) visited us over Thanksgiving. It was a great visit! Josh Callaway, our new son-in-law, has blended into our family so easily! It's been

fun to see he & Stresa grow as newlyweds! They are living & working in Delaware. Trieste is truly a 'Super Nanny'! She's a blessing to every family she works for! Bjorn is living & working in Baltimore. He has a very hectic schedule at Starbucks & college, but still pops home about every other weekend. I say all this to you because I know you all have loved & prayed for our kids right along with the work, and those prayers have helped to strengthen & guide them! Thank you! God bless you!

From Cheryl

One idea I've used to keep my eyes on the Lord:

Make 2 lists—one with the heading '*Things out of my Control*', and the other '*Things in my Control with the help of God's Spirit*'.

Fill these in for yourself & when you find yourself wor-

rying or fearful or 'trying to fix things', check to see if that's on your list of what you can control. Example: I determined that what I can control has to do with me, not others. So, I just ask God's help in controlling my tongue, my thoughts, my attitudes, my time, my abil-

ity to forgive & show love, my countenance, my prayer & study time, and my precious daily walk with Him. *I think that's more than enough to keep me & God busy each day!*

Faith & more faith!

Cheryl

OFW Update—West Indies



St. Martin

God has been unfolding some wonderful things on the island of St. Martin, and He has helped His people to endure some very difficult times. The *Phillipsburg Church of Christ* that we have helped since its start (with Evangelist Marlon Lawrie) is now purchasing a church building and should be moved in and operational as you read

this. Some of you directly helped this to become a reality, and have been down to work with the church more than once. This church is poised to grow tremendously in the coming year! We have also worked to help and encourage the *Cole Bay Church of Christ* (with Evangelist Charlie Brown). Some of you have helped directly in this

as well. Pray for the Cole Bay church to grow and be strengthened in the Lord. The French-Creole *Church of Christ in Marigot* (largest of the 3 churches) went through a very difficult time last year, but Evangelist Emmanuel Charles & others are working hard to fortify that Body of faithful followers. Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ!

A Church in La Rochelle?

La Rochelle, France—

Can you picture yourself sharing the Good News of Jesus in this former Huguenot stronghold?

Some years back the Bob Griggs, Jr. family & the Buddy Joneses helped to establish a fast-growing congregation of God's people in Nantes, in the same general area, on France's West Coast. Although that work has dissipated over time, a new work may be possible in this area. An older French cou-

ple (members of the church) moved to La Rochelle from Geneva, Switzerland. Ever since then, they have been praying that a congregation might be established, but so far no one has come to their aid. Some of us have been praying about it long distance, and some have made visits (J.M. Frerot, Roland Mohsen & Doyle Kee). At this juncture, God may be prompting some action in this historic and potentially receptive place for His eternal purpose!

If you would be interested in participating in a campaign to the city or possibly want to explore being a part of a mission team, please pray about it, then e-mail Bren at ofwmissions@adelphia.net Perhaps God wants to use you to reach the souls in this part of France!

Is God calling you to help start this new church? If you would like more information or would like to commit to at least visiting, please contact us!



La Rochelle, France

Pray for our Co-workers in the French World

Daniel & Tammy Frerot—**Strasbourg, France**

Jean & Anne Grenier—**Saguenay, Quebec**

Keith & Jennie Percell—**Quebec City**

Marlon & Subrena Lawrie; Charlie Brown & Emmanuel Charles in **St. Martin**

Arnold Dzah—**Senegal**

David Nassa—**Chad**

George Akpabli—**Benin**

Joseph Juma Mukewa—**Rwanda & the Congo, Goma**

Youri Bessin—Bangui, **Central African Republic**

Jean-Claude Ethe—**Cameroon**

Francis MacArthur—**Ghana**

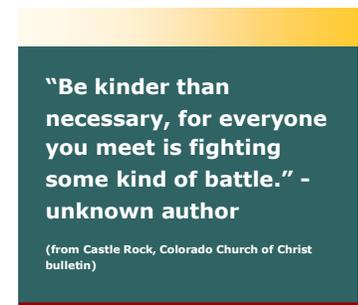
Tony & Caroline Leuteritz—**Mauritius**

Jean Fritz Gilot—Cap Hatien, **Haiti**

Jean-Robert St. Hilaire—Port-au-Prince, **Haiti**

The Doyle Kees, the Arlin Hendrixes, the Charles Whites, the J.M. Frerots, the Mohsens, Colette Daugherty, the Dauners, the Youngs, the Op-sitches, the McCreadys, the Baggotts, Hutchinsons, Ken Wilson, the Smiths, Romain, John & Esther R.

Also: Doug Wheeler, Basseyy Essian, Anji Tigga (Djibouti), Molisho Dieudonne (Niger), and Paul Mator Manyok Thuom (Sudan).



Quebec Outreach

In September, Bren was in Quebec again preaching & teaching with Jean Grenier. Outreach meetings were held in Jonquiere and Baie-Comeau, and several new contacts were made. Jean & Bren met with church members, friends and family, and as always God used it as a time of great encourage-

ment and joy! Bren also got to be with Keith & Jennie Percell, who we helped get to Quebec City, and members of the church there. They all came up to Jonquiere for the first night of the meetings. That was wonderful getting to see how well they are doing and how God is blessing their work!

You may have seen the special articles on Quebec in the December issue of the Christian Chronicle. Many thanks to Erik Tryggestad for helping to get the word out about the churches in Quebec, and the need for more French-speaking mission workers around the globe!



Bren preaching in Jonquiere, Quebec

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."-Jesus (Matt. 28:19,20)

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Please forgive us if we've left anyone out!

Please pray for our moms, Christophe Muller & family, Odile, Bruno & Isabelle Muller, Jacky Ingenito & family, Fabienne Carl, Josh & Christy Cook, Jean-Claude & Gabrielle Schmidt, Jean-Louis, J.M. & Suzanne Frerot, Mari- lena & Tammy Frerot, the Darbys, the Maurice Halls, J. Lee Roberts, S.F. Timmerman, Ti-Guy & Marthe, Rene, Daniel, Sylvain, Francois & Mise

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"The Word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does."-Ps. 33:4



Arnold Dzah baptizing a young man in Senegal

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Together, by God's grace & guidance, we were able to reach thousands of souls across 40 countries with the saving message of the Gospel during 2006!

Praise His Holy Name!

News from Northwest Africa

A couple of years ago, when Bren was working with Jean Grenier in Quebec, he suggested that Jean get in touch with **World Radio** and begin regular Gospel broadcasts across Quebec. Out of those discussions, Jean ended up not only broadcasting in Quebec, but also across all of North-western Africa by shortwave. Not long after that, a seasoned Evangelist from Ghana moved to Dakar, **Senegal** to help spread the Gospel, follow-up on broadcast contacts and start churches. This fine brother's name was **Arnold Dzah** and he has a deep passion for God's Mission!

Jean had Arnold contact Bren by e-mail and they became good friends and co-laborers in the Lord! With your help during 2006, we helped Arnold to start the first preach training school in Muslim Africa, and to start two churches in the capitol city of Dakar. Arnold continues to need resources and funds for the operation of this school.

Arnold is also doing some outreach in **the Gambia**. This past year, we have had a number of requests from denominational preachers for New Testament teaching materials, and we have provided them. Whole congregations are being

taught clear New Testament teaching, and a large number of people are being baptized into Christ.

In December, our good friends **Doyle Kee and Ken Wilson** were in **Chad** and **Cameroon**. Among other things, they visited with Evangelist & co-worker **David Nassa (Chad)**. We have been helping David in several ways to continue spreading the Gospel, while surviving relentless terrorist attacks in the area. He wrote recently asking for prayers of protection for the 'oncoming war'. Please pray for he and his family.