

# The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

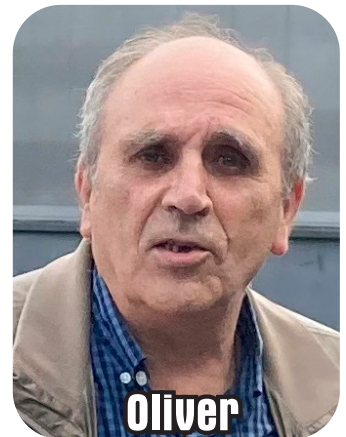
Questions are a good thing. It is unfortunate that the average French person does not ask enough of them. Most are content to lead lives of ignorance without real, concrete answers to spiritual matters. It is refreshing, however, to cross paths with those who are curious and interested enough to ask necessary questions about God.



Raphael is the father of one of my basketball players. He runs the scoreboard for our home games and sits next to my son Lincoln who handles the computer stats. For some time, we have had an ongoing dialogue with him about God. He recently asked, “*Why do I need to be forgiven?*” He was sincerely mystified. As I explained about sin and our accountability to God, I was reminded of how important questions are. Raphael and his family visited our church on Christmas Sunday. During the service, it was obvious that God’s Word was having an effect on him because he squirmed and looked generally uncomfortable. After church he told me, “*I would love to meet you for coffee*

*soon to talk more about ‘your vision’ of the Bible.*” Please pray with us for Raphael, Virginie, and Marius. Please pray that they would keep asking questions...and then find Jesus.

With Olivier, I was the one who asked the question. He first started coming because his cousin Lilou (whom I’ve mentioned in the past) invited him. He’s such a friendly guy, but when I tried to talk with him about God, he stonewalled me. One recent Sunday after church though, I felt the Lord’s urging to approach him again and ask if he was sure of his salvation. A look of sadness washed over his face and he said, “*I’m having some doubts about that and need to talk with you.*” That very day we looked into the Bible, and I was able to answer some of his questions. He is a slow and methodical guy, but after several visits together, Olivier trusted Christ! The look of sadness is gone. He cannot hide his joy and relief at knowing the Savior. Please pray for his spiritual growth.



May the Lord bless you with a wonderful and fruitful new year. Thank you for your faithfulness to the cause of Christ around the world.

In Christ,

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