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# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER 2019

APRIL 22 - MAY 12



# DEAR FRIEND,

## Welcome to the 2019 Pray for France campaign!

France has seen some very troubling times this past year.

From the Yellow Vest (Gilets Jaunes) uprising that began in November 2018 to an increase in anti-Semitism, church attacks, and a government that is looking to restrict religious practices, France is in a true spiritual battle.

Even though the world looks at these things as “troubling,” we know that the root cause in all this is a lack of peace with God. We also know that the answer to all of France’s woes can be found in the person of Jesus and faith in Him!

As you engage in prayer for France this year, I want to remind you of three important aspects of this prayer campaign:

1. As you may remember, Pray for France is structured around the **Seven Mountains of Societal Influence** coined in 1975 by Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, and Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth with a Mission (YWAM). They concluded that in order to truly transform any nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ, these seven facets of society must be reached: Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts & Entertainment and Business.
2. Don't get upset with the news, media, or anything you may hear and find yourself distracted. Use that to guide your prayers for the sector that the article or report is about!
3. The entire guide is made up of the perspectives from dozens of French ministry leaders working in each of these spheres of influence. Take time to **pray for them** as they are bringing the light of Christ to these mountains!

Finally, I want to encourage you to find a Pray for France group near you. This year, we have over 35 different groups throughout the United States, France, Germany, and even Zambia! If you haven't already been connected, simply visit: [www.prayforfrance.org/register](http://www.prayforfrance.org/register) to sign up and find out if there are any groups near you.

Thank you for joining us! As you move through each day, seek God for your own life and what He may be calling you to do to move the Kingdom forward in France.

In Christ,



**David Broussard**, President  
Impact France

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# WEEK 1

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# OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTRY

*Emmanuel Duvieusart*

## Background for Today

Emmanuel and Muriel Duvieusart would like to sincerely thank you for the support that you have given them during this special time of intercession for France and the French-speaking world. These times of spiritual battle are incredibly important, so we send a very big THANK YOU!

This year, 2018, saw many troubling issues in many parts of the world: climate problems, politicians, attacks, insecurity, financial crisis, politics, etc. However, the Sentinelle de Prière (Prayer Sentinel) ([www.sentinelles.info](http://www.sentinelles.info)) has been invited to many French-speaking countries for conferences, not only on the subject of reigniting a personal prayer life, but also sharing a message that speaks to the heart of the power of the gospels with couples and families, in particular, and the church, in general. There seems to be a spiritual thirst that God is creating in the hearts of many, and this thirst is being felt within the people of God.

So, if the people of God are thirsty, from which water source should we drink? Today, Christian groups use many substitutes, many methods, but it seems that many want to return to a simple, spiritual-gift-developing faith, rooted in Scriptural foundations (i.e., the true and pure source!). As a result, this year, we have seen God move in many churches in France and in the French-speaking world, reviving Christians through powerful visitations from the Holy Spirit. Spiritual and physical healing, changed perspectives, restorations, deliverances, and more have marked each one of our efforts. The Lord has not changed!

Within our own family, we have witnessed the conversion of our last unconverted children, our daughter and our daughter-in-law, who asked the Lord into their hearts this year and were baptized on the same day. Praise God! It seems to us that we cannot see God be glorified in a country, a region, or a church, unless He first starts to glorify Himself in our personal lives, our life as a couple, and our life as a family. We still delight today in seeing people changed, restored, reconciled, and transformed after having heard the Word of God. Christ is faithful in His work.

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## OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTRY (CONT.)

We ask God to continue to help us as we pursue the Sentinelle's work, through His provision in all areas (financial, practical), so we can send monthly prayer guides that allow, each week, an army of almost 1,000 prayer warriors to pray for France, Europe, the French-speaking world, and also the French-speaking diaspora, very present but often forgotten, in the United States. This whole year, we have seen God work through our conferences in the French churches and especially in the stadium in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on January 4, 2018 where I was supposed to speak, but the political and military situation was extremely violent. There had already been several deaths, the streets were blocked off, most traffic circles had military checkpoints, but through God's protection, we were spared, and thousands of people were able to gather in the stadium to praise God, hear His Word, and pray for the country and upcoming elections. This is still an urgent topic of prayer.

### Challenges

1. That all ministries in France and in the French-speaking world be renewed and actively listen to His Spirit in order to know what God wants to target and what goals He wants to accomplish in 2019.
2. The family unit is in danger! Politicians want to find a life balance, but everything is being done to destroy the foundation of families (marriage, civil unions, surrogacy, end of life, etc.). These issues are being used to destroy Biblical values in French society. What's more, many believers are confused and don't always know how to take a stand.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the PRAYER department as it establishes a 24/7 intercessory prayer network, and as it gathers over 1,000 people each week in France, Belgium, Switzerland, and many French-speaking countries as well as the French-speaking diaspora. Each month, this department shares specific prayer requests on the topics of personal life, family, politics, the economy, ethical questions, the media, professional life, societal crises, etc. The rise of radical Islam, secularism, ethical questions are issues requiring perseverance. The "Church" must rediscover a life of ardent and constant prayer, and, above all, a life that is once again inspired and directed through the movement of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know WHAT to pray FOR and HOW to pray for all of these specific topics. Thank you for your support.

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## OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTRY (CONT.)

2. Pray for the MISSION department as it organizes training seminars in leadership, spiritual healing, emotional health, and conferences for couples, families, women, and men in many countries. There is an enormous need within Christian families and couples in France and in the French-speaking world. Many feel helpless, abandoning their responsibility to educate. Many have neglected frustrations and unhealed wounds in their lives that regularly erupt in anger. The mentality of this world brings a moral and spiritual confusion that is still growing in many families, and Biblical values are diminishing or even disappearing on the gallows of "tolerance" and "living together in harmony." This diabolical cocktail ends up destabilizing and weakening the "Church," and the Church's work and influence on society lessens.
  
3. Pray for the intercessory mission of 2019. That couples be reconciled with each other and firmly ground their relationships on solid foundations. That families rediscover harmony in Christ and allow themselves to be restored by Him in whom all things are possible. That Christian foundations and values would return to the center of the family unit through reading, study of the Bible, and a constant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Additional Information

La Sentinelle: [www.sentinelles.info](http://www.sentinelles.info)



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# PRAYER

*Bernard Leycuras*

## Background for Today

In 1997, John Mulinde, a Ugandan pastor, came to Paris to deliver an urgent call from the Lord, exhorting the people of God to humble themselves, to pray, and to seek His face on behalf of their country. Over the years, he has returned many times to renew this call.

In 1999, a committee was created to call Christians to begin the new millennium with 40 days of fasting and prayer. In this same period, an English pastor—John Bennon—was working to build a worldwide movement of 40 days of fasting and prayer for France in 2001. To unite and target this intercessory prayer, he wanted to publish a prayer guide that would give key information concerning our country. This is how the association *Objectif France* (Objective France) ([www.objectiffrance.fr](http://www.objectiffrance.fr)) was born, an international network of prayer for France.

In 2001, more than two million Christians joined *Objectif France* to pray for the country! And the response in France has exceeded all of our hopes. Since praying first and foremost in obedience to God and to His Word, *Objectif France* has initiated persevering prayer on behalf of the Jewish people of Israel. Since 2008, we published several prayer letters each month all year long.

Our mission is to motivate Christians and congregations, often too centered on personal and church problems, to pray for France. We see that not only are more and more churches praying for the country (and for Israel), but also that resource materials fairly often include prayer, such as the CPDH (prayer calendars). What's more, other prayer initiatives are being launched, with a different style, and we rejoice over this. We have, since the beginning, directed people to pray for political leaders in accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1-4. This was controversial, since people thought that this was a political act. Today, many people are praying for the leaders.

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## PRAYER (CONT.)

### Challenges

Prayer is a perpetual challenge. Our primary difficulty is financing the work. France is not the United States, many still believe that it is necessary to give without charging, without worrying about our costs. However, we refuse to advertise for donations.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for freedom of speech, which is under ever-increasing threat.
2. Pray for the Islamic threat, which is very real.
3. Pray for education, because France is becoming unequal, clinging to old frameworks and the National Education Ministry is an enormous machine that resists reforms.
4. Pray for bioethics in light of ART— Assisted Reproductive Technology—for homosexual couples, since the next question will be surrogacy.
5. Pray for the laws concerning euthanasia, because they are progressing rapidly.

### Additional Information

1. Objectif France: [www.objectiffrance.fr](http://www.objectiffrance.fr)
2. France en feu: [www.franceenfeu.com](http://www.franceenfeu.com)
3. Alliance Vita: [www.alliancevita.org](http://www.alliancevita.org)
4. Génétique: [www.genethique.org](http://www.genethique.org)
5. CPDH: [www.cpdh.org](http://www.cpdh.org)

### Scripture

2 Chronicles 7:14



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# CHURCH PLANTING 1

*Edouard Nelson*

## Background for Today

We praise God for the progress we see as new churches have been planted and other new churches are planned in many places across France. We also see the media giving attention, often positive, to the new churches. Many short reports have appeared on television, in Lyon, in Corrèze, and in Paris.

We know that for most church plants, there are baptisms each year, people who are discovering the gospel for the first time. Thanks be to God! We see the use of tools such as the SEOFI (Evaluation and Orientation Session for Future Church Planters) organized by the CNEF (National Council of Evangelicals in France), the evaluation process of the *Actes 29* association, and the *projet M2* (Assemblies of God — France), and the Regional Training Center for Church Planters (CFRI) bearing fruit in multiplying the number of workers for the harvest. At the national level, according to a high-quality survey, evangelical Protestants now account for approximately 1% of the population, a small but real growth. Thanks be to the Lord!

## Challenges

1. The CNEF's project for 2019, "A Pertinent Gospel," encourages churches to focus on our relevance to, and our active role in, society.
2. The CNEF is also organizing the CAD, "Community of Learning in Growth," to encourage serious reflection for churches who need to be revitalized.
3. The increasing number of trainings in church planting, such as in the *Faculté de Théologie de Vaux-sur-Seine* (College of Theology of Vaux-sur-Seine), *Faculté Jean Calvin* (Aix-en-Provence), and in the Bible institutes, is encouraging for the future. This continues in the "1pour10000" project, the CNEF's nationwide project to see one evangelical church for every 10,000 inhabitants in each department of France. To reach this goal, we will need to triple the number of evangelical churches in France.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Lord of the harvest sends thousands of Christian workers who will shine forth wherever they go! The harvest is great; the workers are few.

## Additional Information

1. CNEF: [www.lecnef.org](http://www.lecnef.org)
2. 1 pour 10000: [www.1pour10000.fr](http://www.1pour10000.fr)
3. Report in French: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ7c\\_sEbQRk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ7c_sEbQRk)

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# CHURCH PLANTING 2

*Charly Mootien*

## Background for Today

Church planting is the spearhead of church development on the CNEF ladder. One of the premier training locations is *France Évangélisation*. Under the guidance of Alain Stamp and Raphaël Anzenberger, an increasing number of church planters and evangelists have been trained. Today, the CNEF wants to plant one church for every 10,000 inhabitants.

## Challenges

I think that the challenges are challenges in both foundation and form.

1. In foundation as the model of our churches is based very closely on the Catholic model (clergy, building, Sunday services), yet the nature of the church is a community of engaged disciples who shine where God has placed them. We still have, today, the local church as a gravitational center. We must reclaim a theology of community (*oikos*) as a life community, where we share our daily realities, and the relational climate allows for a mutual sense of obligation based on friendship in Christ.
2. In form as the world has changed, and we must make use of different methods to enter into relationship with others. Programs are opportunities and can be good tools. I worked for seven years for *parcours Alpha* (Alpha). But it is a poor substitute when we compare it to the need for friendship that each person feels. The model of Christ, nevertheless, remains appropriate for modern life. I find very interesting the approach outlined by Robert Coleman in his work *The Master Plan of Evangelism*.
3. Our challenge as disciples of Jesus is, in my opinion, to stop hiding behind pastors and evangelism activities and think that means we are doing His good work. We must start here and now to love the people in our spheres of influence and intentionally approach people that we cross paths with. Thus, we will be better able to understand their needs and how they would like to be approached spiritually.
4. Church planting can be mechanical, but if it is organic, natural, and rooted in the daily life of the person—the first place for church planting becomes the home, the neighborhood, and among friends in real life.

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## CHURCH PLANTING 2 (CONT.)

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that people of generation Y dare to try new methods for church and to approach those close to them.
2. Pray for a change in focus in the local church towards the Kingdom of God and this flexible church.
3. Pray for a profound spiritual revival in our inner being leading to a personal reformation and a creativity renewed by the Holy Spirit.

### Additional Information

1. Testimonies: [www.temoins.com](http://www.temoins.com)
2. Discipleship: Training: [www.disciples.fr](http://www.disciples.fr)
3. Planter Training: [www.1pour10000.fr/les-ressources/formation](http://www.1pour10000.fr/les-ressources/formation)
4. Blog: [www.charlymootien.com](http://www.charlymootien.com)

### Scripture

Acts 2:46-47

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# CHURCH RENEWAL

*David Brown*

## Background for Today

The film *Envoyé-s (Sent)* was released. This project was supported by the CNEF, *Le Réseau Évangélique Suisse* (the Swiss Evangelical Network) RES, the FMEF (*Fédération des Missions Évangéliques Francophones* - Federation of French-speaking Evangelical Missions), and the Lausanne Movement and includes two 26-minute films. These organizations encouraged Christians to get involved in evangelism both near and far. The DVDs were distributed to almost all churches affiliated with the CNEF.

The Learning Community for church development, implemented by the CNEF, allowed many important groups of French churches to understand the necessity of revitalization. Church planting will not be enough to reach the CNEF's target number of "1 for 10,000" (one church for every 10,000 inhabitants in France) if existing churches disappear because they don't rise to the challenge of pursuing their mission with the upcoming generation.

With a lot of enthusiasm, Free Churches and Methodist Churches use the *Parcours Vitalité* (adapted from Vitality Courses of the Evangelical Covenant Church and with the support of this church).

## Challenges

1. That the CNEF Learning Community for Development truly lead to healthy churches. This community unites seven church groups and some parachurch ministries and is starting to bear visible fruit through joint efforts through the sharing of ministries and more generally through a growing awareness of the importance of revitalization and the implementation of practical projects.
2. That the European revitalization network, put in place by the European Leadership Forum, also bears fruit in France. Contact was established between churches in Poland and the CNEF, solidified by three delegates who came to Paris to meet with the CNEF, where they had a working meeting dedicated to the revitalization of churches. This type of exchange is very useful. The Biblical Institute of Geneva (which has a strong majority of French students) now offers a series of courses on church revitalization, led by David Brown.

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## CHURCH RENEWAL (CONT.)

3. Generally speaking, churches are facing the challenge of rising individualism. Each person is interested in their own life, wants "time for themselves," devours self-help books, and no longer reacts rationally but in terms of their own "suffering", and uses social media to seek the approval of others. A revitalized Church must communicate the gospel with apologetics adapted to the current climate while announcing the reality of salvation in Christ and living an authentic, community-based life.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that research and reflection on church renewal and development will allow us to adapt to the European context what is being experienced in North America.
2. Pray that the revitalization projects launched by several church groups will succeed and encourage other groups to assess themselves and to seek assistance in living a revitalized existence.
3. Pray that revitalization be perceived as just as exciting as church planting, so that a balance may be maintained between the two activities and that young pastors will be interested in it as well.

### Additional Information

Envoyés: [www.envoyes-lefilm.com](http://www.envoyes-lefilm.com)

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# THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

*Etienne Lhermenault*

## Background for Today

Interdenominational evangelical training in the Bible and theology began to come together in 1921 with the foundation of the *Institut Biblique de Nogent* (Nogent Biblical Institute - department 94). Denominational trainings (mostly Baptist) had already been founded in nineteenth century France, but they generally passed away with their founders, with the exception of the *Institut Biblique de Genève* (Biblical Institute of Geneva, Switzerland) founded in 1919 in partnership with *Action Biblique*. After WWII, interest in training grew with the expansion of the evangelical movement:

- Creation of the *Institut Biblique Européen de Lamorlaye* (European Bible Institute of Lamorlaye, Oise) in 1960. Closed its doors in the 1990s. Interdenominational.
- Creation of the *Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique de Vaux-sur-Seine* (Private Evangelical College of Theology - Vaux-sur-Seine - department 78) in 1965, interdenominational.
- Creation of the *Institut Biblique et Théologique de Léognan* (Biblical and Theological Institute of Léognan near Bordeaux - department 33)
- Creation of the *Faculté Jean Calvin d'Aix-en-Provence* (Jean Calvin Faculty of Aix-en-Provence - department 13) in 1974, with Reformed evangelical theology, but serving an interdenominational evangelical public.
- Important renewal of the *Institut Biblique de Genève* (Switzerland) in 1992.

There is a growing interest in theology within the younger generation. There are increasing numbers of weekend trainings in the Paris region, in Brittany, and in central France. This interest is largely fed through social networks: *Evangile 21, la Rebellion, le Bon Combat, Tout Pour Sa Gloire, Point Théo*, and more. They are very active. We see a new generation rising up, a generation of dedicated, talented young people who seek to serve the Lord by sharing the gospel (*France Évangélisation*) and planting Churches (1 for 10,000).

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## THEOLOGICAL FORMATION (CONT.)

### Challenges

1. Transforming this growing interest in theology into a desire for sound training in serving God. If things don't change and the size of the staff in our schools remains the same, very soon we will not have enough pastors or leaders trained to lead the many evangelical communities in France. The risk is that the growth of the evangelical movement is waning.
2. Two difficulties: French students are accustomed to essentially free, public higher education and struggle to contribute sufficiently to the cost of theological studies offered by private establishments. The churches have not yet grasped the magnitude of the strategic importance of theological training and invest little in this domain.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that more young people rise up to become pastors, evangelists, and missionaries.
2. Pray that the youth and the churches invest in sound theological, Biblical, and practical training to prepare themselves for ministry.
3. Pray that the Lord causes a new generation of talented professors, faithful to Him and His word, to rise up. A generation with hearts for contributing to growing the number of churches in France.
4. Pray that the Lord grant our schools (Bible Institutes and Colleges of Theology), the staff, and finances to accomplish their mission with faithfulness.

### Additional Information

1. 1 pour 10000: [www.1pour10000.fr](http://www.1pour10000.fr)
2. FLTE: [www.flte.fr](http://www.flte.fr)
3. FJC: [www.facultejeancalvin.com](http://www.facultejeancalvin.com)
4. IBN: [www.ibnogent.org](http://www.ibnogent.org)
5. IBG: [www.ibg.cc](http://www.ibg.cc)
6. La REB: [www.larebellution.com](http://www.larebellution.com)
7. TGC: [www.evangile21.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.evangile21.thegospelcoalition.org)
8. Les WET: [www.weekendstheologiques.fr](http://www.weekendstheologiques.fr)
9. Le Bon Combat: [www.leboncombat.fr](http://www.leboncombat.fr)
10. TPSG: [www.toutpoursagloire.com](http://www.toutpoursagloire.com)
11. Point Théo: [www.point-theo.com](http://www.point-theo.com)

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SATURDAY

Religion:



# ISLAM

## Agape Mosaïque and EDS

### Background for Today

Islam is now the second largest religion in France after Christianity. Primarily coming from the immigration that France has experienced since the 1960s, Muslim populations today are often second, third, even fourth generation.

According to one study, France is the European country with the most Muslims. In 2050, according to theories, the number will vary from 12.7% to 18% of the national population (on January 1, 2018, the number of inhabitants in France is estimated at 67.2 million). Muslims will also become more and more numerous in Europe. The very respected Pew Research Center, recognized for its research in religious demographics, is categoric. Muslims could represent, according to Pew Research, between 7.4% and 14% of the European population in the year 2050, as opposed to 4.9% in 2016.

Unfortunately, there is, in general, among Christians in churches in France, a movement away from taking responsibility. This leads to a disconnect with the reality on the ground. The goal is to put the church to work with all Christians of good will. Certainly, the numbers are growing, however, it is important not to be content to rest in evangelical optimism, but to pray in a right and targeted manner, because Islam in France continues to grow.

Agapé Mosaïque (AM) and EDS are two ministries that are active in reaching the Muslim populations in France. AM trains individuals and churches in the French speaking world to reach Muslims with the good news of Jesus. Monthly debates are hosted between Muslim leaders and Christian apologists, attracting 300-400 people, mostly Muslims. This is an opportunity for the truth of Christianity to be proclaimed. As a result of these debates, many Muslims study the Bible, are disciplined and some extremists even go through a deradicalization program.

EDS offers image and beauty counseling services with workshops for women, primarily Muslim women. Since January 2016, faced with the migratory influx, EDS also invests in refugees primarily from Afghanistan, particularly in Paris (department 75). In February 2019, EDS opened a restaurant for refugees called the Kaboul Kitchen based in the heart of Paris. Both the physical and spiritual needs of refugees are being met on a daily basis through this ministry. We must put boots on the ground and use our hands to help the refugees, especially as Christians. We must love them and not fear them, because most of them are victims. We must keep them from being recruited by extremists and committing the worst in France.

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## ISLAM (CONT.)

### Challenges

1. Together with the CNEF and the French Protestant Federation, there is a great need to sort through the French churches labeled as "multicultural" and "ethnic", since some are very good. They are unrecognized and invisible in the mass of all those who are deviant.
2. Organization of an annual pastoral convention for all these ethnic churches starting in 2019.
3. Organization of the European Prayer Breakfast ([www.prayerbreakfast.eu](http://www.prayerbreakfast.eu)) in Paris in November 2019 with an active and efficient committee in order to assemble as many members as possible from the EU Parliament in Brussels (Belgium).
4. Important training work for hundreds of Christians and leaders (three partner centers in Paris) in July 2019, and one training each month all year long as well as in Lille with another partner.
5. Organization of evangelism campaigns working directly with the churches by training registered members, then collaborating to define the church plan, and finally working in the field.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the Christians persecuted in Algeria (5 churches closed, and the believers are on their own for now).
2. Pray for the organization of a large conference on behalf of ex-Muslims and Christians from the East in October 2019 at the European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium). The goal is to build a strong and administrative network of people in order to gather reliable data.
3. Pray that we be regularly invited to participate in debates and conferences with Muslims in order to encourage religious liberty. This is a totally new opportunity and is very encouraging. Official invitation in September 2019 in Greece.
4. Pray for the festive, Christian activities organized throughout the course of the year, in all of France. Above all, on behalf of Muslims and the needy. There is also a crucial need for material and financing.
5. Pray for divine wisdom and direction in all encounters with refugees, politicians, the radicalized, pastors, brothers in faith, from any culture.

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## ISLAM (CONT.)

6. Pray for the Afghan refugees that we care for: that the young faith of many (who are susceptible to influence) be strengthened and for the salvation of others.
7. Pray for faithful, devoted people training others.

### Helpful Links

1. Agape Mosaique: [www.agapefrance.org/activites/agapemosaique](http://www.agapefrance.org/activites/agapemosaique)
2. MaCasbah: [www.macasbah.net](http://www.macasbah.net)
3. MENA: [www.mena-france.org/qui-sommes-nous.html](http://www.mena-france.org/qui-sommes-nous.html)



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## WEEK 2

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Family:



## THE FRENCH FAMILY 1

*Françoise Caron (Associations Familiales Protestantes – AFP)*

**Background for Today**

The family is one of the primary targets of our enemy, the devil. In recent years, the family has suffered a form of dismantling on the political and societal level, with sweeping modifications to the Family Code following the "Marriage for all" law. It is not only the very foundation of marriage that is attacked, but also it is the relationship between parent and child that has been impacted.

Even more than ideological debates, today we have to realize that in our society we no longer see very clearly in matters of sexual identity, passing down values and behaviors, education, parenting, etc. And yet, God has not said His last word, and the more profound the darkness, the more men and women seek the light! Now more than ever, evangelical Christians are called to be a witness of their faith, in their family life, and how they pass on Christian values: not only with their neighbors and those close to them, but also with the elected officials both at the local and national level.

Even if Christians face opposition, mocking, and provocation, many debates and referendums at the highest level of our country have created opportunities for evangelical Christians to express their faith in the public sphere.

**Challenges**

1. We measure the importance of prayer and its effect on Christians in our churches through understanding how believers understand the importance of speaking and acting in ways that are compatible with their faith and getting involved in practical ways to stand by and encourage the families and the youth of our country.
2. Great investment was made in the educational field in 2018 with education commissions designed to take a Christian approach to the needs of children. A notable growth of private, Protestant schools with no government contract clearly shows that Christians are motivated in this field and that families are concerned for their children. To target the family, the devil seeks to tear apart that which God has united.

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Family:



## THE FRENCH FAMILY 1 (CONT.)

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that Christians not be impacted by anti-family laws and talk and that they know how to resist what is offered them:
  - By viewing marriage as an engagement that should be nourished through a mutual relationship centered on God.
  - By exercising with faith and hope parental authority founded in love and kindness, allowing them to instruct and educate their children in the right path.
  - By investing in the educational field so that our young may have an alternative to what they have today, which denies their identity and their fundamental needs for structure when it comes to feelings, both emotional and sexual.
  
2. Pray with us: "Lord, help us to live in harmony with You, drawing each day from the source, through prayer and the reading of Your Word. That this close communion with You may give us and to each family, consciousness of Your love and Your presence. That Your Word may light our path through the darkness of this world, which hides so many mortal traps, traps from which You desire to protect us."
  - If families want to live in harmony, they need communion, a close relationship with God, and a daily walk with God.
  - Remember that in the beginning, God met daily with Adam and Eve. When man broke from these meetings, the family knew great suffering.

### Additional Information

Associations Familiales Protestantes [Protestant Family Associations]:

[www.afp-federation.org](http://www.afp-federation.org)

APRIL

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MONDAY

Family:



# THE FRENCH FAMILY 2

*Patrick Nussbaumer*

## Background for Today

The harvest is great, and the workers are few, but God has sent us as evangelists with others who share a burden for the youth of France. Young people have developed personal relationships with our team members and volunteers after watching evangelism videos on YouTube. Other neighborhood youth decided to follow Jesus and to be baptized after having attended a Christian camp. These young people are now integrated into a local church.

## Challenges

1. That Christians would find creative ways to share their faith with their friends.
2. At the same time, we also want to meet the youth where they are (sports, arts, food donations) while giving them the opportunity to know and experience Jesus.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that Christians would be creative in sharing their faith with their friends.
2. Pray that God would send team members and resources to meet the unreached.
3. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of the unreached and that He would extend His hand to bring about signs and wonders.

## Additional Information

Jeunesse pour Christ: [www.jpcf france.com](http://www.jpcf france.com)



# APRIL 30 TUESDAY

Education:



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1

*Luc Bussière*

## Background for Today

In 2018, God was at work building relationships with other European ministries engaged in Christian education. We feel like we are waging the same war and are facing the same kinds of challenges (religious liberty, freedom in education, and freedom for families in education). European gatherings, not only French-speaking, allow us to encourage each other, to support each other, and to refine the relevance of our practices. God has also been at work in sending new workers into the field of Christian education.

## Challenges

1. In 2018, France witnessed new, more constraining legislation for private schools without a State contract, due to the new "Gatel" law (a law regulating evangelical Protestant schools). However, these restrictions have not prevented an exponential growth in this type of "no contract" school (157 new schools, Christian and non-Christian, opened in September 2018). Nevertheless, little by little, scholastic freedom is diminishing.
2. 2018 also saw notable changes in the network of Christian schools. The Association of Evangelical Protestant Scholastic Establishments in the French-speaking World (AESPEF) is branching in two: the French branch, which will be called *Réseau Mathurin Cordier – France* (Mathurin Cordier Network – France) and the international branch, which will be called "Réseau Mathurin Cordier International." This structural change was necessary to meet the needs of the slow, but steady growing Christian schools movement.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for our political leaders, in particular the National Education Ministry,
2. Pray that schools would be freed from the clutches of the various ideologies (gender theory, equity, constructivism, etc.) and would once again become a place of learning within a supportive framework in the service of the diversity of families.
3. Pray for families, fathers and mothers in particular, that they may receive a vision for their child, and the courage to go against the stream.

## Additional Information

1. AESPEF: [www.aespef.org](http://www.aespef.org)
2. Institut Mathurin Cordier: [www.isp-mathurincordier.fr](http://www.isp-mathurincordier.fr)

MAY

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WEDNESDAY

Education:



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2

*Luc Bussière*

## Background for Today

The trend is holding true: a new generation of parents and teachers is rising to fight on the side of the generation who pioneered the work, and who, little by little, are leaving the field. God has been at work in uniting the leaders of private school movements. We have been able to meet several times, to share our challenges, our successes, and our battles. These relationships are necessary and important in order to remain united in this battle for educational freedom in France.

The prayer in 2018 for new workers was heard. But prayer still remains relevant today since new schools continue to be planted, and other schools are growing. All this means that the need for workers is still very much a reality.

It is encouraging to see several CNEF groups and several churches showing a new interest in Christian education when they had, until now, been indifferent to the question.

## Challenges

To rise to the challenge of training personnel in Christian schools in a biblical vision of the world through the new *Institut Supérieur Protestant Maturin Cordier* (Mathurin Cordier Protestant Higher-Learning Institute), a Christian university..

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that all Christian schools stand firm in the face of all the multiplying challenges: financial challenges, administrative burdens and constraints, lack of diverse resources, discouragement, etc.
2. Pray for the different players in a Christian education (in the private sector, in the public schools, in the training organizations): that they may be able to receive, to live, and to embody the wisdom that God gives in order to be a blessing to the world.

## Additional Information

1. ACSI: [www.acsieurope.org/cms/en-us](http://www.acsieurope.org/cms/en-us)
2. EDUCAVIE: [www.educavie.fr](http://www.educavie.fr)
3. Editions Mathurin Cordier: [www.editionsmathurincordier.org](http://www.editionsmathurincordier.org)

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THURSDAY

Education:



# UNIVERSITIES 1

*Francis Didier, Noëlla Oudin and Aaron Robinson  
(Agape France and Agape Campus)*

## Background for Today

The university is a place where knowledge and opinions are exchanged, not only in classes, but also throughout all of student life. Discussions between students, debates, association journals or tracts, conferences organized by associations, cultural events, parties, internet sites and social networks there is no lack of opportunity to shake preconceptions, to communicate messages, and to separate oneself from received ideas." (Introduction of "Free to say it in University," BLF Editions).

In a French environment, where religious ideas are steadily disappearing, the three primary evangelical Christian student associations, *Groupe Biblique Universitaire* (University Bible Group), *Foyer Évangélique Universitaire* (Evangelical University Academic Home), and Agapé Campus ([www.agapecampus.fr](http://www.agapecampus.fr)), seek to encourage Christian students (less than 1% of the student population) to share their faith on the sixty-seven French university campuses and in the different "grandes écoles" or other higher-learning establishments to reach the 2,600,000 students enrolled in these schools. The methods used are: stimulating discussions through surveys and interviews on campuses, conferences, evening debates, small group Bible studies, forging friendships, involvement in social and humanitarian projects, distributing flyers, posters, and stands where we are able to present the Bible.

Even though France is known for its secularism and a definite desire to limit religious expression to the private sphere, we have, in spite of everything, been able to organize different public events on several campuses with the goal of making the gospel known to students. In 2017, for example, we were able to take advantage of the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation to organize cultural displays in locations made available by different universities.

Even though access to universities remains closely supervised (due to the risk of attacks) and our work is not visible and official, we still have the freedom to meet students and dialogue with them, to organize small groups and discussions in cafeterias, and to post announcements for our events. We have a network of "insider" French Christian students on campuses, and many are very motivated to create Christian movements where they are, witnessing and encouraging other Christians to join them. We see several ministries working among foreign students who come to study in France—and the Lord allows conversions of youth who then return to their countries and witness there. In Catholic churches, many are giving greater encouragement to the young to read the Bible, to pray, and to witness to their circle (in particular through the Alpha course).

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**MAY****2****THURSDAY***Education:*

## UNIVERSITIES 1 (CONT.)

### Challenges

1. Students are very mobile and don't stay in one place to study for longer than three years (because of changing majors, internships abroad, etc.). It is not easy to share with Christians the vision of multiplying as disciples in Christ, and when they have finally grasped the vision, they leave!
2. We are working on being able to provide face-to-face as well as distance coaching through creating tools and communities to encourage students in faith, both online and offline, so that the young will continue to stay truly connected to God and to each other.
3. We are in the process of developing "Campus" to help our ministries to receive more funding from within France and to cultivate a culture of generosity among students as disciples of Christ.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Lord place it on the hearts of Christian students to truly be disciples of Christ and to invest in the lives of other students so that the gospel may transform more and more lives.
2. Pray that we find student leaders who already have this vision in their hearts in order to help them to start new movements where they are.
3. Pray that more Christian movements are born, and existing ones continue to grow on each campus in France.
4. Pray that we may continue to have free access to the different campuses and that we may be more visible to the students who are seeking (on campuses or through social networks).
5. Pray that the local churches continue to support the student ministry (prayer, resources, finances, and partnership).
6. Pray that the youth will rise up full time for the mission. The harvest is great, but the workers are very few!

### Additional Information:

[www.everystudentleader.com](http://www.everystudentleader.com)

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FRIDAY

Education:



# UNIVERSITIES 2

*Micaël Razzano (Groupes Bibliques Universitaires)*

## Background for Today

The goal of the Groupes Bibliques Universitaires (GBU) is to make the Bible known in the student world. Our primary tool is discussions, led by and for students, about the Bible. These meetings are open to all students seeking to discover the Bible, without discrimination. We also organize Bible study groups, ABC meetings (About the Bible and the Koran), debate meetings, and conferences. The *Commission Ouverture Internationale* (International Opening Commission) also allows us to help with welcoming and integrating international students. The GBU is part of the evangelical Protestantism that came out of the Sixteenth Century Reformation.

In 2018, the "A fond la Form" training camps were very effective. Students were very open to learning and very dedicated to serving.

The work among the *Groupes Bibliques Lycéens* (GBL - High School Bible Groups) is being strengthened. We have been able to hire a new full-time teammate, which helps considerably and is how we have created several groups since the start of the school year in the Ile-de-France region.

## Challenges

In 2019, our national meeting will become a missionary-focused national get-together that will give each person the opportunity to discern his or her place in God's global mission through modules such as: Christian Service, Is it for Me? / Art & Faith / Training in Public Debate / Witnessing in Personal Relationships / Evangelism within local groups / Apologetics / Responding to Societal Challenges / Paul's Mission and Me / The Gospel at the Crossroads of Cultures.

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**MAY****3****FRIDAY***Education:*

## UNIVERSITIES 2 (CONT.)

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for continual impact on the lives of students who attended our new missionary-focused national meeting, which took place over Easter weekend.
2. Pray for growth in how we minister to Chinese students now that we have a full team dedicated to it. Pray that contacts be established with Chinese students on different campuses in France and that Bible groups develop.
3. Pray that God convicts new people to give, so that we can respond to the needs of His work, especially concerning support for the team members. The number of team members grows each year; there are currently about thirty.

### Additional Information

GBU: [www.gbu.fr](http://www.gbu.fr)



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SATURDAY

Government:



# GOVERNMENT 1

*Thierry Le Gall*

## Background for Today

In 2018, there was a significant increase in the quality of pastoral relationships established with members of Parliament, both Christian and non-Christian. We have seen members consider the recommendations of the CNEF, which has led to amendments to several legislative texts following meetings with senators and delegated authors of these law proposals. Finally, divine providence has laid it on the heart of donors to financially and spiritually support this pastoral service to members of Parliament.

We have truly had an increase in strategic, spiritual, and "professional" meetings in the Senate and the National Assembly (similar to the U.S. Congress). **The voice of the CNEF evangelicals** has a positive and growing impact on religion in France. For the first time, three evangelical members of Parliament have been elected to the French National Assembly.

## Challenges

1. We need to continue our participation in the debate on laws concerning bioethics ([www.etatsgenerauxdelabioethique.fr](http://www.etatsgenerauxdelabioethique.fr)).
2. We need to participate in referendums on modifying *la laïcité* [secularism in French society and law] (Law 1905 – Law of separation of Churches and the State).
3. Finding organizers for the European Prayer Breakfast in Brussels to coordinate the French delegation ([www.prayerbreakfast.eu](http://www.prayerbreakfast.eu)).

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preservation of religious liberties in France and in Europe.
2. Pray for politicians to understand and distinguish between proper evangelical movements and groups mis-using the term "evangelical" and creating problems through their practices and their words, and tarnishing the message of the gospel.
3. Pray for physical, spiritual, and material protection for me and my household.



Alyssa Joy Photography

## WEEK 3

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SUNDAY

Government:



## GOVERNMENT 2

*Patrick Giovannoni***Background for Today**

In 2004, Christians in France began a political platform for Christians called the *Parti Républicain Chrétien* (Christian Republican Party - PRC). Phonetically, "PRC" means to "pierce" the taboos and prejudices that prevent Christians from being at the forefront of the political scene. The PRC has had a few members elected and has contributed to changing mindsets, making many Christians open to the potential and purpose of getting involved in politics to advocate for the values of the Kingdom of Christ. In 2016, the decision was made to stop party politics in favor of a larger movement of men and women desiring to motivate and encourage Christians and value bearers to take an interest in politics and in the nation as a whole. This movement has been baptized *Les Authentiques*, "The Authentics." These individuals work behind the scenes to support, pray, coach, and accompany everyone wishing to invest in society.

The Authentics seek, through their actions, to set an example and to motivate others such that each person who wants to invest in the movement will one day be involved in society and have a heart to train up someone else, who will train up someone else, and so on indefinitely. The goal is that there will be a real growth of virtue. Anything is possible if we are pushed and helped by other people. Among the Authentics, each person shares what he has received. The movement is divided into several branches, and each player works in the field that suits him. Currently, there are different branches including the political branch, the long-term development branch, the social branch, the economic branch, the legal branch, the NGO branch, and the union branch. Each member of the Authentics has seen success and has assurance because God acts in an extraordinary manner. He opens doors that normally stay closed to those who do not hold the traditional passes that open doors in society.

Some examples of how the Authentics work in public sphere:

Patrick, current vice president of MEDEF France (Mouvement des entreprises de France - Employer organization), is judge on the Commercial Court but also administrator with the departmental welfare center, though he has not done special work in this area.

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Government:



## GOVERNMENT 2 (CONT.)

Sébastien and Monique are both elected officials in their towns, respected, but also representatives of the personnel within their companies.

Christel has lived a very strong personal and professional transformation. In her position as a foster parent, she participates in family councils and sits in on various departmental legal proceedings concerning the protection of childhood, such as the ONED (Research Institute for Threats to Children).

Christophe and Ini have seen, through their trustworthiness and professionalism, astonishing professional developments and an atypical trajectory in their companies. Samuel is president of an NGO. And there are so many more...

### Challenges

1. To change mindsets and thus participate in the construction of a society where fundamental values are respected.
2. To lead Christians to invest in a constructive manner in all spheres of society, in order to have a positive impact and to become decision-makers.
3. To develop ourselves, to grow so that Christians forge a network that bears fruit in France, and around the world.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians to recognize the importance of getting involved and moving in society outside of the Church.
2. Pray that Christians be a blessing for others and that they leave behind individualism and criticism.
3. Pray that Christians would recognize their responsibility in the state of our nation.
4. Pray for French believers to receive the Spirit of Wisdom in order to discern the opportune moment to act.
5. Pray that church bells would once again ring throughout the country.

### Additional Information

Les Authentiques: [www.authentiques.org](http://www.authentiques.org)

### Scripture

2 Chronicles 7:14

Matthew 6:33

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# MEDIA 1

*Patrick Vauclair*

## Background for Today

Many major advancements took place in 2018:

The website [www.oui-dieu-existe.fr](http://www.oui-dieu-existe.fr), the first French-language website for video apologetics, has seen reliable audience growth with more than 2.8 million views for only a dozen videos! Several partnerships with other sites are going to allow us to develop the content into extraordinary narratives and written articles. This site, which primarily addresses at a very secular audience, is important for the French-speaking world.

As the president of the new French-Speaking Federation of Christian Media (F2MC - *Fédération Francophone des Médias Chrétiens* [www.f2mc.fr](http://www.f2mc.fr)), I see a real interest in this combining of vibrant forces, which makes it possible to draw together, exchange information, and share counsel and encouragement—developing partnerships and even joint productions (for example: two French organizations are working together to develop a series of cartoons for children).

In 2018, our federation was joined by CBN Europe (Christian Broadcasting Network Europe, a major world player), SAJE Productions , EMCI TV (one of the primary French-language Christian TV channels with Impact TV in Africa) and others, who all play a role in the new spirit that we see developing—a spirit of true, mutual assistance and encouragement in increasing the quality and impact of all our ministries. Thanks be to the Lord that things that were not possible in the past are becoming a reality.

We also praise God for the new interest of many American partners who are directly involved in the production of films. This is a truly new experience. In fact, it is no longer a question of distributing American productions in France, but truly of producing French productions, with French culture and French language. This is a truly new development which I have never seen over the course of 32 years working in production. Very encouraging! We must continue to expand all the efforts being made.

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MONDAY

Media:



## MEDIA 1 (CONT.)

### Challenges

1. That these important changes endure.
2. That we persevere in these changes.
3. That the mindset of working together develops in more and more real ways.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that the collaboration that is happening be lasting, that we persevere in these changes, and that the mindset of working together develops in more and more real ways.
2. Pray for the development of [www.oui-dieu-existe.fr](http://www.oui-dieu-existe.fr) and of new partnerships so that we may continue piercing through to the secular world.
3. Pray for my role as president of the new *Fédération Francophone des Médias Chrétiens* (F2MC), that our Lord will guide me in what methods to use.
4. Pray that there will be perfect collaboration and effective coordination with our current and future partners. The final goal being to reach as many internet users as possible in order to bring them to Jesus.

### Additional Information

1. CBN Europe (Christian Broadcasting Network Europe): [www.cbneurope.com](http://www.cbneurope.com)
2. SAJE Productions: [www.sajedistribution.com](http://www.sajedistribution.com)
3. EMCI TV: [www.emciv.com](http://www.emciv.com)
4. Impact TV: [www.impacttele.tv](http://www.impacttele.tv)

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TUESDAY

Media:



# MEDIA 2

*Christian Willi*

## Background for Today

France stands out for its active, often militant, secularism. Militancy is also part of the fabric of French society. While in Germany there are three weekly, written news sources, in France, more than ten publications divide readers among them: one for humanist right wing conservatives, one for centrists, one for people who call themselves the intellectual left, one for the popular left, one for the Communists, one for the charismatic Catholics, one for the non-charismatic Catholics, one for the Reformed, etc. The French have a visceral need to feel represented and heard. Targeted media serve their convictions and reflect their commitments and demands. What has happened in French media has also happened in evangelical media. Evangelical Christians do not consume much denominational media since the denominations don't have the means to offer these resources in different forms to suit different sociological profiles.

Even the most rigorous source of information for evangelical Protestantism, *le Christianisme Aujourd'hui* (Christianity Today) ([www.christianismeaujourd'hui.info](http://www.christianismeaujourd'hui.info)), which combines information and commentary from different evangelicals, struggles to unite the different groups. While topics are dealt with in a balanced and in-depth way—and not by taking sides or advocating for one particular cause—some evangelicals find it too far to the left, others find it too far to the right. There are information sites that unite audiences around one doctrinal point or one eschatology, for example. Websites that are focused on edification are also divided along charismatic and non-charismatic lines. These sites feed the faith at the risk of forgetting aspects of cohesion, dialogue, and debate with society.

However, time does its work. Each media outlet that continues over the long term grows in maturity. Over time, even very targeted media outlets expand their editorial policy. One small reservation: when this happens, there is always a “temple guardian” to once again launch a media outlet that is more targeted to the narrowest convictions. Secondly, more audiovisual media are working together (radio and television primarily). This collaboration, renewed by a small team two or three years ago, is continuing. Finally, there are projects that see good success. *Le quart d'heure pour l'essentiel* (A Quarter Hour for the Necessities) ([www.quartdheure.info](http://www.quartdheure.info)), is a free evangelism newspaper which is periodically distributed with more than 100,000 copies. Other initiatives, such as *le Magazine Jésus* ([www.jesumagazine.fr](http://www.jesumagazine.fr)), distributed in kiosks, also reaches beyond the evangelical Christian audience.

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TUESDAY

*Media:*

## MEDIA 2 (CONT.)

### Challenges

1. The economic durability of evangelical media outlets. Most depend on donations and work with limited means.
2. The lack of professionals trained in media and ready to consider missionary work.
3. The lack of professionals trained in media and ready to work in secular media to be witnesses there for Christ.
4. The ability for media outlets to collaborate on large-scale projects, without defending their own immediate interests.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that God leads small and large investors to give to Christian media: television, radio, written press, websites. French Christians' lack of interest and support limits the quality and the reach (the diffusion) of these media outlets.
2. Pray that God calls young journalists, producers, media entrepreneurs, who are ready to be trained and get involved for the long term.
3. Pray that evangelical media pioneers develop a vision to transmit their calling, their experience and passion to the youngest and to encourage these youngest in finding their own responsibility.
4. Pray that the media mavericks listen to counsel and surround themselves with men and women of God full of wisdom. That they be safeguarded from spreading extreme positions that discredit evangelical Protestantism.
5. Pray for a better understanding among French Christians. Media outlets are a way for the seekers and the State actors who are watching them to see and understand the evangelical church.
6. Pray that French Christians give—through subscription or support—what the media needs to represent them in a credible fashion.

### Additional Information

1. Alliance-Press: [www.alliance-presse.info](http://www.alliance-presse.info)
2. DieuTV: [www.dieutv.com](http://www.dieutv.com)
3. Phare FM: [www.pharefm.com](http://www.pharefm.com)
4. Radio Réveil: [www.radioreveil.ch](http://www.radioreveil.ch)
5. TopChrétien: [www.topchretien.com](http://www.topchretien.com)

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# WORSHIP, ARTS AND CULTURE

*Eric Pires-Antunes*

## Background Today

In 2018, we saw a great opportunity to share our faith in Christ through a large event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. A baptist pastor, he has had a very positive impact in France, where his fight for social justice and freedom resonated with the French in times past. The event had a large coverage in the media, with interviews from American history experts, pastors and theologians. Among the initiatives (MLK 50 years after) was a cultural exposition designed by evangelicals and made available to churches, but also schools, and city cultural centers.

More than 130 exposition "kits" (a modular exhibition through posters or panels) were sold, however, the organizers measured how often these materials were reused or re-circulated and found that each kit was reused an average of 2.5 times! This equates to 325 exhibitions spread all over the country using MLK50's materials (see the map on [www.mlk50.fr](http://www.mlk50.fr)), in France, including the Caribbean Islands, Belgium and Switzerland. It was a great opportunity for evangelicals to unite and work together for a positive impact in the country and to share our faith as witnesses of Christ. This has opened doors with mayors, cultural centers, schools, non profits, receiving favor from officials and local authorities.

In 2018, we also saw a rising demand for training and teaching about worship, with a search for renewal in local churches. Not only how to better play music or make concerts, but also develop authentic worship which results in an authentic life in Christ, a never-ending process of renewal and walk of life.

## Challenges

1. There are 35,357 cities in France, and, despite the unique opportunity of MLK50 bridging the gap between French's postmodern culture and the evangelical message, with 325 exhibitions we have only reached 1% of the cities. One MLK50 representative shared how finances were still a major hurdle to most churches, some renting the material by groups of 10.
2. Church leaders in France often consider ethnic groups and inter-cultural work as a painful issue, instead of leveraging it as a strength.

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WEDNESDAY

*Arts and  
Entertainment:*

## WORSHIP, ARTS AND CULTURE (CONT.)

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for God to release more opportunities like the MKL50 events and for financial supporters ready to fund these initiatives.
2. Pray that God may lead evangelical leaders to be sensitive to the opportunities created by the multiculturalism in France and learn to appreciate intercultural work.

### Additional Information

To discover PSALT: [www.psalt.fr](http://www.psalt.fr)

To learn more about the complexity of French people who have come from other countries [www.journals.openedition.org/eps/6073](http://www.journals.openedition.org/eps/6073)



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THURSDAY

*Arts and  
Entertainment:*

# MUSIC AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

*Bruno Rioualec*

## **Background Today**

At the initiative of the Assemblies of God of France, the vision of the DM2A is to encourage a variety of artistic expressions in the Christian world in order to: communicate the gospel to our contemporaries, participate in the edification of the body of Christ and bring artists together to spread a new outlook capable of influencing their generation. In 2018, there was a real awareness in the DM2A committee, with all the goodwill of its members, of the need to accompany artists spiritually. Finally, we see that there is more acceptance in the arts and in the churches, with the desire to start financially supporting artists, which is very good news!

## **Challenges**

1. For artists to be able to live off of their talent.
2. Being well organized so that we can develop a professional, French Christian environment for artists.
3. Work to set up a yearly meeting of artists to encourage and strengthen each other.

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we be able to obtain the most needed financial and human resources.
2. Pray for a stronger engagement of artists in their faith in light of the challenges to be faced.
3. Pray that this coalition of French-speaking Christian artists be established.

## **Additional Information**

DM2A: [www.dm2a.fr](http://www.dm2a.fr)

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# SPORT

*Joël Thibault*

**Background for Today**

Our mission field is the world of professional and high-level sports. We work through the "Plus Que Sportifs" (More than just Athletes) movement, which started in 2013 with the creation of testimony videos from athletes who have chosen to live for Christ. This developed into a network of Christian athletes in the French-speaking world.

Since 2017, the "Holistic Sports France" association has worked toward the dual goal of developing sports chaplaincy in French sport clubs and supporting Christian athletes in their spiritual walk (mentoring, Bible studies, missions, etc.). The work of the Christian chaplaincy in professional sports was developed through the investment of Joël Thibault as official chaplain to the large international competitions (Olympic Games RIO 2016, IAAF World Championships London 2017, World University Championship Rugby 2016, etc.).

Many thousands of non-believers have heard the gospel through athlete testimony videos. Many athletes have been impacted and have been baptized. Our team of future chaplains and mentors grows. There is exponential growth. There are currently some fifteen Christians in training. They are all invested in the world of sports. Furthermore, there are opportunities with many professional clubs in soccer and rugby as well as in adaptive sports (such as the Paralympics)!

The desire of high-level athletes to witness to their Christian faith is growing!

**Challenges**

1. Our challenge is to be able to find finances to grow our services (mission, travel) and our resources (books, DVDs, etc.).
2. Our challenge is to be able to establish chaplaincy services in the professional sports clubs as well as to open non-denominational prayer rooms so that Christians can pray before their matches.
3. The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games ([www.paris2024.org/fr](http://www.paris2024.org/fr)) represent a great opportunity for us!

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### Prayer Points

1. Pray for effective training of our sports chaplains and for an increase in the number of sports chaplains.
2. Pray for the quality of relationships with sports federations and professional clubs.
3. Pray for the increase of disciples of Christ in the world of sports (taekwondo, soccer, volleyball, rugby, basketball, etc.).

### Additional Information

1. Plus que Sportifs: [www.plusquesportifs.org](http://www.plusquesportifs.org)
2. Holistic Sports France: [www.holisticsports.fr](http://www.holisticsports.fr)

### Scripture

Colossians 1:4-6

Romans 12:1-3





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# BUSINESS

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### **Background for Today**

"Choose France" is the campaign launched by the President of the French Republic to promote foreign investment to stimulate France's development as a "startup-nation." The number of new businesses created was at its highest ever in 2018 ("Station F" is the largest start-up incubator in the world, located in the heart of Paris), and after years of struggle, industrial renewal is also happening (large industrial projects in the automobile industry, aeronautics, energy, etc.).

On the other hand, the yellow vest crisis reveals the defiance and unrest of employees. The owner of Renault was arrested in Japan for fraud and his salary shocked the French people, as does that of many CEOs. The "yellow vests" are struggling to make ends meet, working jobs that might disappear at any moment. They protest with roadblocks and violence, which really harms the French economy. Many businesses are struggling financially, and some have even had to resort to temporarily laying employees off in this setting,

Christians face many challenges. Leaders must reflect the Kingdom of God in their actions; employees must pray for their professional leaders despite injustices. All must be vigilant that they not betray their beliefs; all must seek to live out Christian charity within the constraints and requirements of profitability. For that, they need you and thank you for "choosing France" through the eternal investment that you make in the form of your prayers.

In 2018, within the framework of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and ethics charts, for managers and the long-term business stability, companies are promoting biblical values such as honesty, empathy, generosity, and humility. Who would have believed it? This creates a favorable groundwork for witnessing about our values and our faith. Ministries are opening that specifically target the business world and are working in faith within the work environment. Many Christians in business persist in walking in integrity, relying on the grace of God, and not betraying their calling in spite of the constraints and requirements of profitability inherent in the life of a company.

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Executives are seeking meaning in their work and in their projects. Less interested in money, those who are suffering from "bore-out" or "brown-out" quit to become bakers or carpenters or to pursue other paths. This search for meaning, in particular, among executives and the business world, allows Christians to share their faith in a more receptive atmosphere than before. Christians now have more courage to witness about their faith. New apologetics trainings are forming, which encourages and improves this testimony. More and more Christian resource websites are talking about work, which encourages and strengthens the Church.

### Challenges

1. New technologies are a formidable tool for professional and personal development but can also have devastating effects. They spread and invade our private lives without respecting them and don't necessarily bring the expected benefits. Social networks pose threats to our children. New pathologies are linked to the unshackled use of smartphones.
2. In the sciences, certain fields of investigation pose serious challenges to Christian ethics. Evangelicals, by participating in debates on bioethics, try to make Christian voices heard in this field. It is a challenge to bring Christian testimony in favor of life and human dignity to an environment where the "needs" of the individual are valued above all (having a child, procreating, these without regard to ethical limits).
3. The challenge of scandals that get too much coverage in the news must be handled with discernment by managers (mistreatment of animals, sexual harassment, racism, etc.).
4. The platform *C-Proactif* has been launched ([www.c-proactif.org](http://www.c-proactif.org)). It's a forum for dialogue and resources for working Christians.

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### Prayer Points

1. Pray that calm would return to the streets and businesses of France (social dialogue), and that Christians would be examples of confidence in God in this climate of tension and would know how to respond to this thirst for justice.
2. Pray that God would strengthen Christian leaders who are in business. That by their testimony and their integrity, despite current pressure and an atmosphere of extreme tension, they may manifest the difference "between those who serve God and those who do not serve Him." Pray that God continues to call people to serve in the fields where Christians are still timid and rare (fashion, luxury goods, scientific fields, etc.).
3. Pray that God would encourage and strengthen specialized ministries that work in this influential field, and that they find support in reflection, mentoring, and prayer.
4. Pray that God gives Christians the strength necessary to defend Christian values and ethics in the business world, in the field of scientific research, and in societal debates.
5. Pray that the witness of Christians in business be viewed as testimony and a missionary calling and be valued as being just as important as other ministries.

### Additional Information

1. CAC (Cercle d'Affaires pour Christ): [www.cerclodaffairespourchrist.com](http://www.cerclodaffairespourchrist.com)
2. CTM (Chrétien Témoins dans le Monde): [www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr/presentation](http://www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr/presentation)
3. ICCF France: [www.iccc-france.org](http://www.iccc-france.org)
4. EDC (Entrepreneurs et Dirigeants Chrétien): [www.lesedc.org](http://www.lesedc.org)
5. ACTE (Associate des Cadres Témoins de l'Evangile):  
<http://acte-gbpe.pagesperso-orange.fr/acteinternational.htm>

### Scripture

Philippians 4:6-7

Colossians 3:22-4:6

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## SEND OFF

I hope that you have enjoyed learning about and praying for each of the areas and ministries in the 2019 Pray for France prayer guide! The richness of what God is doing in France is undeniable.

**We believe that France has a significant and globally influential role to play in reaching all nations for Christ.**

As you have read, there are so many ministries and churches at work in France - following Christ's lead and seeing the fruit!

France's influence throughout the French-speaking world (and on the global stage) is a platform that God wants to use - today - to change nations that others cannot reach. One of my colleagues once told me: "We have a lot of relationships in English-speaking Africa, but it is so HARD for us to work in French-speaking African countries!"

So, whether you are passionate about France and have a long, God-led history with this nation, or it was your first time learning about what God is doing there, we pray that God speaks to you about the next steps He wants you to take in pursuing Him.

Impact France will continue to post and email various prayer topics throughout the year as well as notify you of other opportunities to participate in the Kingdom of God in France. My hope is that you will continue to remain connected to Impact France as we offer ways to support French ministries on the ground through prayer and giving. Prayer is the key but prayer with action results in multiplied impact.

To learn more about Impact France, please visit our website at [www.impactfrance.org](http://www.impactfrance.org). Finally, **if you feel God leading you to support any of the ministries listed in this guide, please contact us at [info@impactfrance.org](mailto:info@impactfrance.org) and we will help you!**

In Christ,



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