



# BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

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# DEAR FRIENDS,

## WELCOME TO THE 2022 PRAY FOR FRANCE CAMPAIGN!

Last year, our theme was “A New Day” and before that “Preparing the Way.” Well, we prepared the way and are solidly in that new day! Last year, as we prayed about what the Lord was speaking to us through our 2022 campaign, I felt strongly that we needed to pray for **STRENGTH** in the Lord. I believe the Church in France, more than ever, needs to be strengthened.

We also felt that the Lord, throughout last year, was preparing us to walk into battle. We were going to be interceding and standing in the gap with our prayers and actions! That time is here and now. We need to ask the Lord to give us a passion for His work in France.

That’s why the theme for this year is:

### BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.

We are in the heat of battle and need the Lord’s strength and courage.

As you pray for the ministries, projects, and mountains of society, please pray especially for the Church in France -- all the believers in France who make up the Body of Christ. Whether meeting in a home, a rented room, or their own building, Every French believer must be strong and courageous in their obedience to Christ and His Word!

Finally, I want to encourage you to sign up for our daily prayer texts. Simply visit: [www.prayforfrance.org/register](http://www.prayforfrance.org/register) and enter your cell number, along with your other information. We will send you a text each day to remind you to pray for France!

Thank you for joining us! We are hoping to reach 10,000 intercessors this year!

In Christ,



**David Broussard**, President  
Impact France

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# WEEK 1

APRIL 17 SUNDAY

RELIGION



## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

*Nicolas de Chezelle – Parcours Alpha France*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

French society is overrun by sweeping tides of secularism, materialism, and social and spiritual confusion. The pandemic only added fear and mistrust, while scandals surrounding serious abuse cast a veil of suspicion on Christian institutions. Less than 5% of the French population regularly attends Christian churches. However, there are many encouraging signs on the mission field: the growth of *Parcours Alpha*, the success of the annual conference focusing on missions, and the powerful, organized presence of Christians on social media.

### CHALLENGES

The primary challenges are twofold. First, effective Christian witness and sharing the Gospel. Second, transforming Christian communities into places of life and hope so they are welcoming in order to build and deepen relationship with Jesus.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Christian communities faithfully reflect God's goodness and loving kindness to all men.
2. Pray that preachers and pastors are renewed in their ministry as apostles, prophets, evangelists, and theologians.
3. Pray that each Christian will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will answer the call to speak out, to witness, to teach, and to make disciples.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Parcours Alpha France: [www.parcoursalpha.fr](http://www.parcoursalpha.fr)
2. Pastoral Transformation: [www.transformationpastorale.fr](http://www.transformationpastorale.fr)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/parcoursalphaclassic](https://www.facebook.com/parcoursalphaclassic)
4. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/parcoursalpha](https://www.instagram.com/parcoursalpha)

### BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 28:18-20

Mark 16:15-18

Acts 1:8

Ephesians 4:11-12

**APRIL 17 SUNDAY****RELIGION**

## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL (CONT.)

*Raphaël Anzenberger – imagoDei*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Surveys conducted recently by the *Conseil National des Évangéliques de France* (National Council of Evangelicals of France- CNEF) show a real heart among French Evangelicals to share the Gospel. This is encouraging! At the same time, this desire does not always manifest in results on the ground. Pastors are the first to notice this.

French Evangelicals want to serve, but they need training and tools relevant to today's society. To fill this need, people are coming up with new ways to share the gospel, including individual and group discovery Bible studies.

One factor galvanizing the local church to share the gospel is the presence of a well-known evangelist who is a catalyst for encouraging the body of Christ to share their beliefs with those around them. His heart is for training believers to witness and developing an intentional approach to working in the local mission field.

### CHALLENGES

How many immigrants living in our towns are among the unreached? They are often ignored by our local churches. The language barrier and religious divide are often natural impediments, but the indifference to their presence is a real mission-field challenge for Evangelicals.

There are also social sectors that are unreached by the Gospel, even abandoned by Evangelicals, especially the arts, politics, and fashion. The few Christians active in these circles often feel powerless in their witness.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that each local church will be able to engage one evangelist to train and encourage others to share the Gospel.
2. Pray for the unreached people in our towns, that the church will turn its thoughts to reaching them in their spiritual need.
3. Pray for the recent programs that show promise in reaching the fields of politics, arts, and fashion.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. imagoDei: [www.imagodei.fr](http://www.imagodei.fr)
2. France Evangelization: [france-evangelisation.com](http://france-evangelisation.com)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/imagodeiFR](https://www.facebook.com/imagodeiFR)
4. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/imagodeifr/](https://www.instagram.com/imagodeifr/)
5. Twitter: [twitter.com/ImagoDeiFR](https://twitter.com/ImagoDeiFR)

**APRIL 18 MONDAY**

**RELIGION**



# PRAYER

*Henning Schikora – Jeunesse en Mission Cévennes (Youth on a Mission, Cévennes, France)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

We live in south-central France in the Cévennes, a region with a rich heritage in the prophetic movement. We have worked for twenty-five years to see this prophetic spring come back to life, and we now see this happening. In five years, we have built eight prophetic schools with three-month sessions. We did not stop during COVID-19. There were more physical healings over the past two years.

This fall, we have been able to take two mission trips to Switzerland, one to the Netherlands, and another to Spain. In January 2022, we made other mission trips to Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands, with meetings in five different churches. Later in the year, we plan to go on missions each month to the countries that took in the fleeing French Huguenots. (See “Additional Information” number 2 to learn more.) Our goal is to help these communities experience the prophetic through teachings and trainings adapted to their needs. In fact, *Jeunesse en Mission* is in contact with many churches and projects in every country in Europe.

## CHALLENGES

Our difficulties increase along with our growth. There are more and more people who want to come here to help with God’s work. We need His grace to succeed.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that the glory of God continues to fill the *Jeunesse en Mission* work and that His blessings flow from it.
2. Pray that we are able to continue welcoming new people into this beautiful region of France.
3. Pray that everyone who comes to see us grows in spiritual maturity.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. JEM Cévennes: [www.jem-cevennes.com](http://www.jem-cevennes.com)
2. Prophetic paths of the Huguenots: <https://jem-cevennes.com/voies-prophetique-huguenotes>
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/jemcevennes](https://www.facebook.com/jemcevennes)

APRIL 18 MONDAY

RELIGION



## PRAYER (CONT.)

*Bernard Leycuras – Objectif France (Objective France)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

*Objectif France* continues the demanding work of providing written prayer guides to assist in lifting what is happening in our country in prayer to the Lord. We share what is happening now against the background of French history, in the belief that France is a country that God isn't done with yet.

### HISTORY AND GRATITUDE

In the eighteenth century, France gave much of itself to help Americans forge their nation. Today, Americans, in obedience to the Spirit, are working with Impact France to mobilize Christians around the world to help France. What a blessing!

### PRAYER DIDN'T STOP IN 2021

God continues to raise an army of prayer warriors motivated by a growing worldwide crisis. We may be marching toward the finish line of *Objectif France's* goal for all of France to have prayer coverage! Will the suffering brought on by this crisis, with its tragedies, perhaps launch a revival?

### FACED WITH GROWING CONFUSION

Our mission has always required us to pay attention to all aspects of current affairs and to take a step back while everything around us moves faster and faster. This need is greater than ever in these times of mass confusion, when everyone is expressing contradictory views.

### FACED WITH THE CHALLENGES OF DISCOURAGEMENT AND CONFUSION AMONG CHRISTIANS

Many are giving up in doubt, overwhelmed by the difficulties around them and the division that these difficulties sow among the people of God. This is not just about people who spread this division through their words and their actions; it's the work of the Devil, and we must respond with prayer and brotherly love, with our eyes fixed on Jesus. This is why we had three 10-day projects where, together, we:

- Sought to repair breaches and rebuild foundations built in our country on Jesus Christ [January 2021, "*Positionnés sur le Roc*" ("Standing on the Rock")];
- Sought "peace and sanctification" (March-April 2021, "*Préparatifs de Pâques*" ["Preparations for Easter"]);
- Sounded the shofar to call our country to "awake from your slumber!" and to encourage people to passionately proclaim the Gospel [September 2021, "*Les Témoins se lèvent, 10 jours pour un réveil*" ("The Witnesses Rise Up, 10 Days for a Revival")].
- Sent guides to prayer warriors called by God to intercede on behalf of the country.

**APRIL 18 MONDAY****RELIGION**

## PRAYER (CONT.)

### 2022—LOOKING FORWARD

The presidential elections, taking place before and after Easter, are one more reason to pray for our country, as tensions run high. After the presidential elections come legislative elections, when the French will elect deputies of the *Assemblée Nationale*, our national legislators. A theme is emerging: Defend French Identity.

### LET US BE JOYFUL!

Let us be assured that it is a great privilege to live during these difficult, unprecedented times on God's calendar. Whatever our eschatological interpretation of these times, let us live in the expectation of the glorious manifestation of the coming Savior. Let us pray and act in obedience to the Father and the Spirit who cries within us: May Your Kingdom Come!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that many hear the call of God to join the army of prayer warriors.
2. Pray that workers rise up, zealous for the good news of Jesus Christ, the one true comfort and only source of healing for France.
3. Pray that God places men and women in positions of authority who will govern this country with wisdom.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Objectif France*: [www.objectiffrance.fr](http://www.objectiffrance.fr)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/IntercessionObjectifFrance](https://www.facebook.com/IntercessionObjectifFrance)

### BIBLE VERSE

2 Chronicles 7.14





APRIL 19 TUESDAY

FAMILY



# FRENCH FAMILIES 1

*Laurent Virlogeux – Grain de Blé (Grain of Wheat) – Family (youth, family life, children)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

God is showing us the importance of centering our lives around Christ. We see that it is increasingly difficult for young people, but also for adult parents, to find good balance in their lives. This is often the result of people trying to be someone in the eyes of others, to seek their approval. Outside influences complicate how people see themselves and how they build their identities.

Our vision is to bring each young person and each family to enter fully into what God wants for them, to see themselves as God sees them and to follow Christ in all aspects of His calling on their lives.

## CHALLENGES

1. We see that young people have a harder and harder time following the Biblical model from earlier and earlier ages. We need to tell children, as early and as often as possible, how God sees us and what His divine plan is for each of His children.
2. Despite resistance, adults (parents, teachers, and educators) are aware of the dangers that threaten youth in today's reality. We see this not only in how poorly children and adolescents are doing, but also in how parents are struggling. In light of great demand, many organizations that serve youth (Churches, youth groups, private and state schools) need help and support. The mission field is, as a result, large and open.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that each young person and each adult finds his or her identity in Christ and becomes a disciple of Christ.
2. Pray that families (parents and children) stand strong in these times of uncertainty and be a light where Christ places them.
3. Pray that churches develop programs to address the topics that confront our youth (pornography, social media addiction, harassment, abuse, etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Grain de Blé France*: [www.graindeblefrance.fr](http://www.graindeblefrance.fr)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Semilles](https://www.facebook.com/Semilles)
3. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/graindeblefrance](https://www.instagram.com/graindeblefrance)
4. INSPIRTV: [www.inspir.tv](http://www.inspir.tv)
5. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Inspirtv](https://www.facebook.com/Inspirtv)
6. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/inspir.tv](https://www.instagram.com/inspir.tv)
7. *La Compagnie des Actes* (The Acts Company): [www.lacompagniedesactes.fr](http://www.lacompagniedesactes.fr)
8. *Identité en question* (Identity in Question): [www.identiteenquestion.fr](http://www.identiteenquestion.fr)

## BIBLE VERSES

2 Timothy 3:15-17

# APRIL 19 TUESDAY

## FAMILY



## FRENCH FAMILIES 1 (CONT.)

*Patrick Nussbaumer et Anne Herrend Schmidt-Kohler –  
Association Jeunesse Pour Christ (Youth for Christ Association) – JPC*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

*“Make it possible for each young person to live out the Gospel.” This is the pulsing desire that drives every Youth for Christ team member.*

To reach the twelve million young people in France (12-25 years old), here is where we are working and where your prayers support us in this mission:

- On the internet with a YouTube channel (*SansFiltre*) (UnFiltered) which allows us to reach many young non-Christians with short, encouraging meditations every two weeks, as well as daily content on social media.
- In neighborhoods with many ministries:
  - *Street Pasteur* (going out and meeting young people on the soccer fields, in their neighborhood gathering places, etc.).
  - *SuperWoman* (themed nights for college girls).
  - *Respérance* (Renewed Hope) (school support, forging ties with moms, neighborhood associations, \ street performances, etc.).
- Evening events for youth (PULSE).
- Day camps during school vacation for children and youth, with volunteers supervising in our vacation center (*les Chênes de Mamré*) (The Oaks of Mamré).
- Missionary internships where young people can get a taste of the reality of missions (Internship).
- Through music with our music groups (*Espérance, Antydot, Madison*).
- Training sessions for adults to become coaches who support young people in church and in daily life.
- Provision of resources to adults to encourage them to intercede on behalf of French youth (*Legacy*).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the 12 million young people who don't yet know Christ. May He reveal Himself to them!
2. Pray for new opportunities to go out and meet these young people.
3. Pray that God would meet financial, human resource, and material needs, and that God would provide creativity and perseverance.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Jeunesse pour Christ*: [www.jpccfrance.com](http://www.jpccfrance.com)
2. The JPC prayer movement: [www.legacyfrance.com](http://www.legacyfrance.com)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/jpccfrance](http://www.facebook.com/jpccfrance)
4. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/jpccfrance](http://www.instagram.com/jpccfrance)

### BIBLE VERSE

1 Timothy 4:12

APRIL 20 WEDNESDAY

EDUCATION



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Joël Trefcon – École la Cévenole (Cévenole School)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

God entrusted the mandate of education to parents. But humans are destined to live in larger communities: the family unit, society, the nation. As a result, these groups are also recipients of the educational mandate, making it possible to:

- Compensate for potential parental deficiencies,
- Combat unequal opportunities,
- Combine forces for the good of the next generation.

Humans are “spiritual animals.” So religion used to have an important place in the education of children in an age when the spiritual and the temporal were not sharply separated from each other. The value system and transcendency that religion brought served as a reference point and a unifying base around which a child’s life could be constructed.

But as French society underwent a significant dechristianization, relativism, pluralism, and – yes – atheism, turned things upside down. When the transcendent reference point — the foundation built on the Judeo-Christian revelation — disappeared, it was like kicking an ant hill of ideas. Fueled by consumerism and the all-powerful social media, individualism and confusion overrun our society and threaten the very fabric of national unity.

Aware of this problem, our leaders appealed to the “values of the Republic,” but these have themselves undergone such a revolution that today, in many areas, we call “good” what yesterday was “evil” and vice versa. There is no longer any consensus, and those in power are sometimes tempted to slide toward restricting liberties so that everyone falls in line with a chosen ideological position (conscientious objection clauses for mayors, threatening the same for health professionals, restricting freedom of schooling and family education, growing administrative control of nonprofit organizations, etc.). Finally, mainstream media and the department of education have been tasked with promoting “trendy ideologies.”

This is the environment that has brought Christian schools, churches, and families to reconsider how they educate the children God has entrusted to them. The challenge, if possible, is not to react, harmfully blending communitarianism and self-reliance, but to act positively with an open attitude, to once again benefit society at large with the blessings of timeless Judeo-Christian values and convictions.

**APRIL 20 WEDNESDAY****EDUCATION**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONT.)

### CHALLENGES

1. There is small but growing awareness of these issues within the Evangelical Protestant world. Some non-contract (private) schools have been founded. Most must, however, fight every inch of the way for survival and growth. These schools face deep-rooted prejudice and a generalized indifference on the part of their fellow believers. And yet, their French Huguenot ancestors showed the way, almost systematically creating schools next to Protestant churches.
2. Developing skills, building teams, and raising funds must all be done now, before the door closes completely. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, and we must act today for the good of our children and the nation!



### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Evangelicals awaken to reality and to the importance of Christian education.
2. Pray that new Christian schools are created.
3. Pray for educational freedom in France.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *École la Cévenole*: [www.ecolelacevenole.fr](http://www.ecolelacevenole.fr)
2. AESPEF: [www.aespef.org](http://www.aespef.org)

### BIBLE VERSE

Proverbs 22:6

APRIL 21

THURSDAY

ARTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT

# SPORT

*John-Pierre Mihaljevic – Sport et Foi France (Sports and Faith France)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

*Sport et Foi France* is a ministry of *Agapé France* (CRU), whose vision is to “see the people who love sports, love God.” Sports is an extraordinary, inclusive tool for sharing values and faith, as well as a tool that brings people together to live out the realities of the Gospel. Our mission is to touch the world of sports in its entirety. To do this, we work in partnership with other missions and with interested local churches.

*Sport et Foi France* is involved in the international Ready Set Go movement with other missions such as *le Grain de Blé* (Grain of Wheat), Greater Europe Mission, Holistic Sports, *Groupes Bibliques Universitaires*, and *Agapé France*. Together, we have created the association *Go + France* (an Impact France partner)! Its goal is to encourage churches in France to use sports and leisure as relevant tools to share and live out the Gospel and to make disciples who will, in turn, make disciples. We offer the skills of these missions to help and serve the Church.

My wife, Sandrine, and I have finalized our university diplomas in chaplaincy! Thank you for your prayers. *Sport et Foi* is no longer a coordinator for the Olympic Games 2024. However, we will participate, if there is need, under the guidance of a national coordinator from the Protestant Federation of France based on our experience and skills.

## CHALLENGES

1. We need people to sign up to volunteer part-time or full-time!
2. We need sponsors to financially help the missions *Sport and Faith* (*Sport et Foi*) and *Go + France*. Between now and 2030, we want to enlist 2,030 churches and 203,000 Christians to share and live out the Gospel “thanks to” and “through” sports and leisure.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for new workers for the harvest in the world of sports.
2. Pray for visible unity among the missions working together to reach the sports world and French society.
3. Pray that God keeps us in His ways and on the path of His will.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Sport et Foi France*: [www.sportetfoi.org](http://www.sportetfoi.org)

## BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 28:19-20

John 17:21

**APRIL 21****THURSDAY****ARTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT**

## SPORT (CONT.)

*Joël Thibault – President of Holistic Sports France*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Thanks to your prayers, God made it possible for about forty people to train for four years in pastoral and spiritual support for high-level athletes. They are all invested in the world of sports (trainer, physiotherapist, osteopath, club manager, pastor, missionary, etc.). Our team is also active in French-speaking Switzerland (Geneva and Lausanne), in the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia), in Mali, and as far as Québec.

The COVID-19 crisis encouraged us to develop new outreach groups to reach professional athletes in tennis, handball, basketball, rugby, and combat sports. Today, we regularly work as mentors with some one hundred high-level athletes. We listen to them, pray with them, counsel them, hold Bible studies with them, and prepare them for baptism and marriage. Their desire to bear witness to their faith in Christ is growing!

More and more professional soccer players are interested in the Christian faith. Their faith is often fragile, and there is a great need for Biblical teaching. The leading religion in the locker rooms is Islam, and there is a real spiritual battle. The challenge is enormous. We have set up trainings to witness to Muslims and to organize inter-religious debates about the divinity of Jesus. Some big names in soccer, interested in learning more, have participated in these events.

We run a weekly Zoom meeting to share and pray, and some one hundred high-level athletes have participated. Because of COVID-19, isolation, anxiety, and depression have exploded, and we have paradoxically seen an increased interest among athletes of all types in discovering the Christian faith. In order to bring a practical solution to this health and economic crisis impacting the world of sports, we have a free support line 24/7 at 0980800177 and another on WhatsApp in order to reach a greater number of athletes in need. These lines were active during the Tokyo Games.

We also have had the opportunity to help in private schools (junior high and high school) to lead sports and spirituality conferences. Each year, about a thousand students hear the Gospel through these conferences.

### CHALLENGES

1. Reaching 30,000 people (junior-high students, high-school students, sports enthusiasts, and high-level athletes) through our video resources, sports and spirituality conferences, and our rugby project, Engagement 2023.
2. Equipping athletes in specific topics, such as Christian ethics and secularism.
3. Sharing our new documentary on the dangers of the occult in sports (making contacts in TV, media, etc.). It will be presented exclusively at conferences in Cameroon in January 2022 during the Africa Cup of Nations soccer tournament.

**APRIL 21****THURSDAY****ARTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT****SPORT (CONT.)***Joël Thibault – President of Holistic Sports France***PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for the mental health of athletes, staff, and managers. May this period of the health and economic crisis be an opportunity to find hope in Christ.
2. Pray for accreditation opportunities for our international chaplains serving athletes during this anxiety-producing time.
3. Pray for the Protestant chaplaincy service opened in a care and rehabilitation center in Brittany that serves high-level athletes.
4. Pray that the sports chaplaincy develops relationships with sports federations and professional clubs as the Rugby World Cup comes to France in 2023, the Olympic and Paralympic games come to Paris in 2024, and beyond.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. *Plus que Sportifs* (More than Athletes): [www.plusquesportifs.org](http://www.plusquesportifs.org)
2. Holistic Sports France: [www.holisticsports.fr](http://www.holisticsports.fr)
3. Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024: [www.paris2024.org](http://www.paris2024.org)
4. Press release: [www.evangeliques.info/un-numero-vert-pour-ecouter](http://www.evangeliques.info/un-numero-vert-pour-ecouter)

**BIBLE VERSES**

Romans 12:1-3

Colossians 1:4-6

APRIL 22 FRIDAY

MEDIA



# THE PRESS AND PUBLISHING

*Christian Willi – President of Alliance Presse (Press Alliance)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Over this last year, the media again lost a little more of their credibility in the eyes of the French and Swiss people. Accusations are multiplying on social media, criticizing them for becoming mouthpieces for governments, big pharma, and corporations. The idea that the media represents different opinions, that it mediates different platforms, is clearly undermined. A whole swath of the French-speaking population in France and Switzerland no longer feels heard, listened to, or represented. We all know the consequence of this. Those who are excluded tend to radicalize, whether this is on social media, in the street, or at the ballot box. This will impact the decisions society makes, like the French presidential elections in April, and the scheduled Swiss federal votes.

## THE CHALLENGE OF JOURNALISM

The world grows increasingly complex as technology and society change. Journalists have a very demanding role. We expect them to be experts in many different fields, and we expect them to be experts on things that are completely new. Two phenomena make this even more difficult: we expect everything immediately, and we expect it “free.” Information must be gathered, and then issues have to be analyzed quickly. Editorial staff don’t have the means to hire journalists as specialized as the news requires.

In 2022, *Christianisme Aujourd’hui* (Christianity Today), a leading news outlet that explains issues in light of international and Christian news, is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Leadership faces two big concerns: finances and the challenge of finding and keeping missionary journalists with a keen eye.

## A NEW GENERATION FOR MEDIA

For two years now, I’ve been inviting you to pray for a new generation of Christian media professionals. Thank you for praying. They are coming. Not only have younger people taken leadership roles in many French-speaking media organizations but also new projects have begun. A young French engineer in Switzerland, for example, is producing a series on churches of the Apocalypse (Millennium Productions). This series was sold to a major player in the French audiovisual field and was even marketed in the United States. It earned him the Prix de l’Initiative (Initiative Prize) of the year from *Christianisme Aujourd’hui*.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

*The Chosen* was broadcasted on the private TV channel C8 in France in December 2021 and had the second-largest audience for the launch of a new series on C8. Many influential Christians (in media, in the church, and influencers) voluntarily promoted this broadcast.



APRIL 22 FRIDAY

MEDIA



## THE PRESS AND PUBLISHING (CONT.)

### SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

On YouTube, Instagram, Tiktok, etc., many young Christians are making their own content because they have a passion for preaching and for sharing the gospel.

### A MOVE TOWARD UNITY?

I have shared with you here, many times, my concern over the lack of unity and collaboration among Christian media in the French-speaking world. Thank you for praying about this. In fact, a well-known pastor and respected author who recently retired felt convicted to bring French-speaking Swiss Christian media leaders together to share ideas and encouragement. This pastor is clearly shepherding these influential players in the media. These dialogues even led to the idea for a new foundation to gather funds for media projects and this foundation is now underway. On the French side, ZeWatchers is also unifying media projects, and several key players in projects that our organization started or supported have now begun working together.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that God would provide talented, determined journalists who are ready to specialize in the most important issues.
2. Pray that young people train for and serve in Christian media - people who are strong both professionally and in missions work.
3. Pray that senior management working in media receives a vision to share their calling and their knowledge with the young people.
4. Pray that other doors open so that the good news of the Gospel may shine on mainstream media. France and Switzerland are especially secular, and they are very reluctant to broadcast any content that isn't critical of the Christian faith.
5. Pray that God continues to equip visionary and talented influencers to reach the great number of users on social media. Pray that He also gives them the wisdom to surround themselves with spiritual and theological counselors to help them keep their motivations pure and their content sound.
6. Pray that these efforts for unity might be a source of encouragement for the missionaries in French-speaking media, and that they might fuel a vision for the French-speaking world, beyond the self-interest of each media organization or project.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Alliance-Presse: [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 R: [www.radioreveil.ch](http://www.radioreveil.ch)
5. TopChrétien: [www.topchretien.com](http://www.topchretien.com)
6. Millenium Production: [www.millenium-production.ch](http://www.millenium-production.ch)

**APRIL 22 FRIDAY**
**MEDIA**


## THE PRESS AND PUBLISHING (CONT.)

*Tim Kyle – President of BLF Éditions*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

The last few years have been a great challenge. The world of publishing and bookstores was heavily impacted by the economic fallout from the COVID-19-provoked crisis. Everyone had to adapt to this unprecedented reality, to come up with new ideas. Bookstores were closed for long periods of time. The lockdowns and the encouragement not to go out to buy things forced bookstores to look for new ways to keep in touch with their readers.

We continue to do everything we can to support booksellers, who are invaluable for bringing our books to readers. We have also expanded our online booklist, and we communicate frequently with our readers on social media and over email, so they can follow new releases and share their thoughts with us. This has been extremely motivating and brings us a lot of joy.

We have developed a children's book website with several resources. We have also sold our flagship titles of 2021 directly to readers, and this was a big success. Eighteen months ago, an online audiobook shop (BLF Audio) was launched, and we are very encouraged to see that this format fills a need. It's been a slow beginning, but with perseverance, we see the fruit starting to mature! Praise the Lord! At BLF Éditions, we have a heart for fueling a love of God by publishing and circulating excellent books focused on the Gospel. All of our decisions center around this goal.

### CHALLENGES

1. To support French-speaking authors. Most of our titles are translations of English-language books. We have some projects with French-speaking authors, and we would really like to develop this part of our vocation. This requires a lot of time and patience, but when a book is finally finished and we can hold it in our hands and flip through the pages, we are very grateful!
2. To sell books we believe in, and on which we spend countless hours of work, on a large scale! To last, our book sales must finance future books. This isn't easy in the French-speaking market since publishing books comes at a high cost that sales don't always entirely cover.

**APRIL 22 FRIDAY****MEDIA**

## THE PRESS AND PUBLISHING (CONT.)

*Tim Kyle – President of BLF Éditions*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for wisdom and discernment in choosing books to publish – both translated books and books by French-speaking authors.
2. Pray for a thirst among French Christians to grow in the knowledge of God and in their understanding of the Gospels.
3. Pray that many books make it into the hands of readers, that they are read, and that they transform lives for the glory of God!

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. BLF Éditions: [www.blfeditions.com](http://www.blfeditions.com)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/blf.editions](https://www.facebook.com/blf.editions)
3. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/blfeditions](https://www.instagram.com/blfeditions)
4. Twitter: [www.twitter.com/blfeditions](https://www.twitter.com/blfeditions)



**APRIL 23 SATURDAY****GOVERNMENT**

# GOVERNMENT

*Thierry Le Gall -- Service Pastoral du CNEF auprès des Parlementaires (CNEF Pastoral Service to Members of Parliament) – SPP*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

The recent law to “reinforce the principles of the Republic,” also called “the law against separatism,” was passed in 2021 to combat Islamic radicalism. Under French law, since it is illegal to target one religion alone, all religions are now subject to new standards of administrative and financial control by civil authorities. CNEF Evangelical associations and church coalitions view this legislation as unjust because they do not engage in the abuses that led to this legislation. In France, we have now entered an era of “increased surveillance over religions” like a “vice” that clamps down on the fundamental right to build a place of worship and to freely express faith. From the beginning of my talks with members of parliament about this proposed law, what I heard most often was: “We don’t have any problems with your churches but accept a little reduction in your liberties in the name of security within our country.” French society is slipping further and further from a “tolerant secularism” into a “surveillance secularism,” far removed from the social contract that maintains our republic.

## CHALLENGES

1. Developing and maintaining high-quality pastoral relationships with senators and members of Parliament despite this change in how religions are viewed in France.
2. Promoting fundamental rights in France: the freedom to worship, to follow our beliefs, and to express our faith in Jesus Christ.
3. Guarding against candidates who might use us for the presidential elections in April 2022 and the legislative elections in June 2022.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the encouragement of Christian elected officials: that God, through the Holy Spirit, grant them strength, courage, wisdom, and discernment.
2. Pray that the laws of our country continue to protect Christians’ freedom of expression and of conscience.
3. Pray that the CNEF’s Pastoral Service mission to members of Parliament grows and reaches current members of Parliament, some of whom will be re-elected.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CNEF SPP: [www.servicepastoralparlementaires.org](http://www.servicepastoralparlementaires.org)

## WEEK 2

APRIL 24 SUNDAY

RELIGION



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*Rachel Miquel Dufour – Counselor, speaker, pastor and therapist with a focus on sexuality***BACKGROUND FOR TODAY**

2021 reinforced the new “normal” for different online platforms. As a result, ministries have continued to establish and develop their on-screen presence. For decades, ministries expressed themselves on a predominantly masculine platform, but the COVID-19 years have made female ministries more visible.

I pray that the increased visibility of female ministries like mine inspire and motivate women today. The opportunity to enter homes, face-to-face over different media platforms allows us to bring aid and comfort in a way that is intimate, individual, and effective. This is a gift from God that should not be neglected or underestimated.

**CHALLENGES**

1. The challenges of developing an “online” female ministry are very similar to the challenges of the too-often-negative impact of screens. It is very easy to hide behind a screen, and it is now, more than ever, important for women who lead ministries to stay authentic and real. We must not fall into the trap of creating public personas that bear no resemblance to our private lives.
2. Women’s ministries are also more easily exposed to often aggressive criticism and attacks from people hostile to women in ministry.
3. Screens and filters sometimes increase solitude and isolation. They can be barriers put up between those who minister and those who are ministered to.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Let us pray that women may continue ever more to discover Jesus as the light that heals internal wounds. Let us pray that they may reflect His life, and that each woman may enter fully into the ministry that God has set aside for her.
2. Let us pray that women in ministry be protected by the men that God has placed in positions of spiritual authority around them. Balance between men and women is possible. Men’s ministries and women’s ministries do not need to compete -- they complement each other. Let us pray that there not be conflict between men’s ministries and women’s ministries, but that the battle be taken to the enemy who seeks to steal and destroy the work of God in people’s hearts.
3. Let us pray that more women dare to answer the call of God on their lives, that they find the support they need, and that they may carry out the work that the Lord entrusts to them.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Rachel Miquel Dufour: [www.rachelmiqueldufour.com](http://www.rachelmiqueldufour.com)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rachelmiqueldufourfan](https://www.facebook.com/rachelmiqueldufourfan)
3. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rachelmiqueldufour/>
4. YouTube: <https://www.ericracheldufour.com/>

**BIBLE VERSE**

Matthew 5:16

# APRIL 24 SUNDAY

## RELIGION



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CONT.)

*Solange Raby – Speaker, writer*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Historically, women's ministries have always been somewhat controversial in churches. This is even more palpably true in France. Nonetheless, in recent years real progress has been made in this area. Women's ministries are recognized by their churches and movements. Media, such as *TopChrétien*, help them share what God has given them. In recent years, we have seen more and more women's ministries blossom in praise, teaching, pastoring, and evangelization.

### CHALLENGES

1. Women's ministries are isolated and need to form networks for encouragement and progress. Women, whose husbands are already in the ministry, often lean on their husbands' networks and don't always see the need for support among women.
2. We often invite women's ministries from other countries and have more confidence in them than in French women's ministries. As a result, French women run into an invisible glass ceiling [when starting or working in their own ministries].
3. Despite some progress, churches and male pastors who claim to support women's ministries still have trouble trusting them.
4. Single women called to the ministry or women whose husbands aren't themselves in the ministry, encounter the greatest difficulties.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for a real spirit of solidarity and desire to spur each other on to greatness among women's ministries.
2. Pray for a real openness to women's ministry in France.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Solange Raby: [www.solangeraby.com](http://www.solangeraby.com)
2. Événementielles: [www.evenementielles.fr](http://www.evenementielles.fr)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/solangeraby](https://www.facebook.com/solangeraby)
4. Groupe Pionnières Pour Christ (Pioneers for Christ Group):  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1254013138050321/>
5. Groupe Originelles (Originals Group): [www.facebook.com/Originelles](https://www.facebook.com/Originelles)
6. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/solangeraby/>

### BIBLE VERSES

Psalm 68:12

John 8:32

APRIL 25 MONDAY

MEDIA



# INTERNET

David Nolent – Director – TopChrétien

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

In 2020, we started promoting TopTV. The project took off just one year later. We have more than fifty shows, including shorts between two and seven minutes long, and we have more than 50,000 viewers each day. Many partners have joined us, including *Radio Arc en Ciel* (Rainbow Radio), with whom we are co-producing the show *Éclairage* (Shedding Light). This show brings a Christian perspective to current events.

Radio Gospel also took off, still in partnership with the Radio Gospel association, whose audience is growing. We have launched two shows: *Radio Gospel Matin* (Morning) with Jeanne and *Radio Gospel Soir* (Evening) with Fanny.

We are pursuing a discipleship strategy, and we continue to develop our tools, hoping always to work more with churches. In 2021, we joined the CNEF with this goal, and we are in a probationary period of two years. We want to help churches, church families, and other projects. Toward this end, we have also formed a collective with other partners—the *Collectif pour le Discipulat en Francophonie* (Collective for Discipleship in the French-speaking World- CPDF)—through which we can offer tools to church families.

In 2021, we also developed a network—the *Réseau Impact*—intended on supporting project sponsors and financial shareholders when needed. In 2020, we did a field study with several partners to understand the spiritual beliefs of agnostics and how they relate to the divine. It was carried out in four cities: Lille, Paris, Lyon, and Bordeaux—with seventy people. This fall, in Paris, we gathered fifty influential leaders from several organizations to share the study's findings with them.

In 2021, a project miraculously came into being. We transformed the famous *Pensée du Jour* (Thought of the Day) into a thoughtful journey named SELAH:

**S:** Search the Scriptures

Give **E:** ear to God

**L:** Lift praise to the Lord

**A:** Act concretely

**H:** Honor the Lord

Through this thoughtful audio program, people can draw nearer to God and put into practice what they have received from the text and from listening to God.

**APRIL 25 MONDAY**
**MEDIA**


## INTERNET (CONT.)

### CHALLENGES

Finally, in 2021 we decided to build a training and innovation center. It will be added on to the existing building. The center's purpose is to innovate and create audiovisual training programs to help raise an army of disciples throughout the French-speaking world. This building will not only be for *TopChrétien* but also will serve the Kingdom of God and other partners.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that God help us find funds to accomplish our vision, to raise disciples throughout all of society in the French-speaking world.
2. Pray for funds for tools, applications, and the training and innovation center.
3. Pray also for *TopChrétien*'s new vision, to implement discipleship and love in action and to find a beautiful synergy with new partners.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *TopChrétien*: [www.topchretien.com](http://www.topchretien.com)
2. *TopTV*, inspiring you to go further: [www.toptv.topchretien.com](http://www.toptv.topchretien.com)
3. The *TopChrétien* apps: [www.topchretien.com/letop/decouvrez-nos-applis](http://www.topchretien.com/letop/decouvrez-nos-applis)
4. Lives changed by God: [www.connaitredieu.com](http://www.connaitredieu.com)
5. Let us pray one for another: [www.facebook.com/groups/246774482430021](https://www.facebook.com/groups/246774482430021)
6. Moving testimonies: [www.mystory.me](http://www.mystory.me)
7. *Merci d'Exister* (Thank You for Existing): [www.mercidexister.com](http://www.mercidexister.com)
8. Radio Gospel: [www.radiogospel.fr](http://www.radiogospel.fr)

### BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 28:19-20



# APRIL 25 MONDAY

## MEDIA



## INTERNET (CONT.)

*Matthew Giralt – Director – Tout Pour Sa Gloire (All for His Glory)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Aside from a few trailblazers, most Christian resource websites started between 2010 and 2020. For the past five years, we've seen new sites appear that present sound theology for the edification of the people of God. The pandemic really drove traffic to these sites, and many people have been edified by the online content. We think that God is raising up a generation of servants, passionate for His Word, who love His Church, and who want to create resources to equip congregations. The resource quality is also improving, and there are more and more resources centered around the Gospels. It's really a blessing for many Christians.

### CHALLENGES

1. Continuing to defend the central role of the local church in the training and teaching of disciples. An amazing number of good resources can be found online, but the internet must not overshadow the fundamental role of the local church in Christian life when many Christians have not yet returned to church.
2. While there are more good resources than there used to be, there are also more bad resources. The internet makes it so easy to produce and share information—a real blessing—but bad resources are also becoming available more rapidly. So, we find many more false teachings online, and unfortunately very good teachings are often presented alongside very bad ones.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for a good working relationship between online ministries and churches.
2. Pray that God raises up bloggers with sound theology.
3. Pray that God give the means to produce high-quality online training for churches.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Tout Pour Sa Gloire* (All for His Glory): [www.toutpoursagloire.com](http://www.toutpoursagloire.com)
2. *Le Bon Combat* (The Good Fight): [www.leboncombat.fr](http://www.leboncombat.fr)
3. Évangile 21: <https://evangile21.thegospelcoalition.org/>
4. Facebook TPSG: [www.facebook.com/toutpoursagloirepointcom](https://www.facebook.com/toutpoursagloirepointcom)
5. Instagram TPSG: [www.instagram.com/toutpoursagloire\\_officiel](https://www.instagram.com/toutpoursagloire_officiel)
6. Twitter TPSG: [www.twitter.com/t\\_p\\_s\\_g](https://www.twitter.com/t_p_s_g)

### BIBLE VERSE

Psalm 119:37

APRIL 26 TUESDAY

EDUCATION



# UNIVERSITIES

*Francis Didier, Noëlla Oudin, Aaron Robinson – Agapé France and Agapé Campus*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Agapé Campus encourages Christian students to live out their faith and to share it so that other students may discover Jesus in their turn. Our dream is to help reach the 2.8 million students enrolled in France's sixty-seven universities and institutions of higher learning. We want to reflect Christian faith to them by starting conversations through educational questionnaires, themed evenings and Bible-study groups, and by forging friendships.

Even though France is known for its secularism and a decided willingness to limit religious expression to the private sphere, we still have the freedom to meet with students and to talk with them. We have a network of Christian students in the cities where we work (Paris, Rennes, Lyon, Montpellier, and Toulouse), and we are in contact with other students who want to start Christian movements in their cities (Marseille, Bordeaux, and Corté). Foreign students who have come to study in France are also rising up, and the Lord is converting young people who then bear witness in their own countries. We are grateful for modern technology that makes it so easy to organize videoconferences and keep in contact, even at a distance!

## CHALLENGES

1. For two years opened by COVID-19, students had a hard time entering into student life, making friends, and finding a "normal" rhythm. This year, they are thirsty for relationships and quality time together.
2. The health situation remains uncertain. As much as possible, students want to meet in-person in classes and to keep their freedom to go out and meet up with others. They have a harder and harder time imagining submitting again to a new, restrictive health protocol.
3. Young Christians need good models, personal support, an attachment to a Christian community, and Biblical grounding to construct healthy relationships with the opposite sex in keeping with God's plan. This is vital in order to live the single life well, build foundations for marriage, and resist temptations. It is also essential for them to know how to talk with the people surrounding them who have different views on relationships.
4. Overall, students worry about their professional future and the future of the planet. They need hope.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Christian student leaders, fervent disciples of Jesus, shine forth and do their utmost.
2. Pray for lives transformed by Christ and for conversions, that the indifference of French students toward God and the Bible be transformed into a real thirst for Truth.
3. Pray that we continue to grow in the use of online witness strategies during and after the pandemic.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Agapé Campus: [www.agapecampus.fr](http://www.agapecampus.fr)
2. Site questions2vie (Life Questions Website): [www.questions2vie.com](http://www.questions2vie.com)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/agape.campusfrance](https://www.facebook.com/agape.campusfrance)
4. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/agape.campusfrance](https://www.instagram.com/agape.campusfrance)

APRIL 26 TUESDAY

EDUCATION



## UNIVERSITIES (CONT.)

*Marsha Koumbadinga – Le Foyer Évangélique Universitaire (Evangelical University Home- FEU)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

The *Foyer Évangélique Universitaire (FEU)* is a French association that is active in nine university towns. The FEU began in Lille in 2007, starting with a few students meeting in a house outside of town. Today, fourteen years later, the FEU organizes events with over fifty students on its own grounds located in the heart of Lille.

FEU events vary depending on the audience. Some are designed to encourage and edify Christian students (Tuesday Bible studies and Thursday morning prayer meetings), while others are designed to share the Good News with students who haven't yet heard it (Journey of discovery into the Christian faith). A large part of our work is also introducing ourselves on many Lille school and university campuses by offering students food boxes and helping them get rid of cockroaches in the residences. Alas, this problem is more common than you would think! We also organize activities dedicated specifically to international students (cultural and French Corner evenings), which allows us, from Lille, to share the Gospel with many countries.

Just as in the rest of the world, these last two years in ministry have been profoundly impacted by COVID-19. The restrictions pushed us to rethink how we carry out our activities, and we started, for example, online Bible studies and game nights. Last year, the school calendar was changed, slowed down, and this impacted our ability to forge relationships with non-Christian students. That said, God did not abandon us during this abnormal time. We have seen many students come to our events, some seeking God and others not. Let's pray for them. It is a real blessing, but also a challenge, to present the Gospel to the students in a way that is accessible to everyone, especially when they come from different backgrounds and cultures. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Christian students are encouraged in their faith, and that they share it.
2. Pray that non-Christian students have a heart to draw near to God.
3. Pray that we make good use of the different tools at our disposal.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The FEU of Lille: <https://lille.lefeu.org/>
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FoyerEvangeliqueUniversitaireDeLille](https://www.facebook.com/FoyerEvangeliqueUniversitaireDeLille)
3. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/feudelille](https://www.instagram.com/feudelille)
4. YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCckEMPKV\\_208LOma5IE0bhg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCckEMPKV_208LOma5IE0bhg)

APRIL 27 WEDNESDAY

RELIGION



# THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

Étienne Lhermenault – Institut biblique de Nogent-sur-Marne (94) (Biblical Institute of Nogent-sur-Marne)

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

In 2021, we mentioned the training conference started on March 9th and 10th, 2020 in the Paris region under the aegis of the CNEF. This conference will return for its second year in 2022, on April 4th and 5th. If possible, we will get everyone involved in Bible and theological training to work toward the goal of providing pastoral ministry in France's Evangelical churches. The challenge is immense, since we must be able to train at least eighty pastors each year over the coming years if we are going to renew the aging pastoral body (estimated at 1,700 Evangelical pastors) and equip churches in the process of being planted.

Here we are touching on three very sensitive topics:

- The question of calling: There are not enough people rising up to serve the Lord as pastors or church leaders.
- The question of initial training in ministry: Churches are not sensitive enough to how essential good training is to a fruitful and lasting ministry. This translates into poor financial support for Bible institutes and theological colleges and too little encouragement to the young to go get training.
- In a world where complex and previously unknown situations crop up more and more often, churches and pastors need to be trained to understand the world better and to be able to tackle the difficult questions and remain faithful witnesses. This is a need that is only very poorly served in the French Evangelical world.

Serious work was put into considering these topics and examining the facts in order to prepare for the second year of the Training Conference in April 2022.

## CHALLENGES

To be successful, this second conference needs:

1. The mobilization of many leaders from training institutes to act (eight in French-speaking Europe).
2. The gathering of a huge number of church union leaders (some thirty gathered under the CNEF).
3. A real ability to listen to each other, including thoughts on the topics mentioned above with time for self-examination.
4. A willingness to reach out in partnership to grow our training capacity.
5. A spirit of prayer to seek first the Kingdom of God.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the second year of the training conference to be a resounding success.
2. Pray that the Lord sends workers into the field and provides French Evangelical churches the pastors and leaders they need.
3. Pray that churches and their leaders and training institutes and their professors work together to honor God and make His light shine.

APRIL 27 WEDNESDAY

RELIGION



## THEOLOGICAL FORMATION (CONT.)

*Paul Appère – Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique (FLTE) of Vaux-sur-Seine (78) (Private University of Evangelical Theology)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Since 1965, our mission as an Evangelical theological university has been to prepare future pastors, PhDs, evangelists, missionaries, and other Christian leaders as fully as possible for the ministry.

We rejoice to hear that ever-increasing numbers of our former students are working effectively for the expansion of the Kingdom in the French-speaking world. We are happy to announce that we recently added some young, academically and spiritually exceptional professors to our faculty. By forcing us to embrace the most modern communication tools, the pandemic allowed us to envision significantly expanding our influence in matters of training. We are working in partnership with the CNEF and the *Fédération Romande d'Églises Évangéliques* (Federation of Evangelical Churches in French-speaking Switzerland- FREE).

### CHALLENGES

This pandemic has noticeably reduced our enrollment numbers. This is why it is so important for us to develop remote teaching.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for new callings. Our churches lack pastors, and the harvest is great.
2. Pray for our students. May they have it in their hearts to seek training to equip themselves to serve as Jesus served.
3. Pray that new donors take interest in our site redevelopment and expansion project.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique* (Private University of Evangelical Theology): [www.flte.fr](http://www.flte.fr)
2. Facebook FLTE: [www.facebook.com/FLTEvangélique](https://www.facebook.com/FLTEvangélique)
3. Instagram FLTE: [www.instagram.com/fltevangélique](https://www.instagram.com/fltevangélique)

### BIBLE VERSES

- 2 Timothy 2:1-2
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Timothy 4:1-5

APRIL 28 THURSDAY

THE FORGOTTEN



# THE HOMELESS IN FRANCE

*Samir Salibi – President – l’association Athome (The AtHome Association)*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Despite this year’s many upheavals (you doubtless know what we’re talking about!), we have seen God at work in many ways. We have continued our Bible studies in French, Arabic, and Farsi. These many months of online communication have given us the opportunity to study with believers from many other countries who were trying to connect with a community in their native language. We are surprised to see the thirst they have for the Gospel and their desire to share it with their family, friends, and countrymen.

One man who had been part of our community for a while was recently sent back to his native country. Even though it is extremely dangerous to practice the Christian faith in this country, he meets each week with his family in a grotto to pray and worship God. It is men and testimonies like these that encourage us to continue to share the Gospel, in word and deed, so others may be encouraged to do the same.

This year, we have also renovated a truck that we use to provide homeless services. It’s “all-in-one”: kitchen, first aid, clothing distribution, and much more! It is such a blessing to be able to continue going out and helping those who come to Paris by seeing to their basic needs and by showing them the love of Christ through our actions. We have a faithful team that serves in this way each week, many of whom have lived this experience themselves and now want to serve others in return.

One of the greatest adventures we have started this year is housing aid! We have rented a house so we can offer a roof to people in need in our community. It’s a six-bedroom house with three bathrooms, a large communal space, and a yard. This house is a blessing for the members of our community who have been able to get papers to stay in France but who need housing. It’s also a blessing for those who are still waiting for a response to their request for asylum but are, for many reasons, not housed while they wait. Three individuals and a missionary couple currently live in this house. Just living with people from different cultures and backgrounds (Iraq, Kuwait, Iran, U.S.A., and Columbia) is a great adventure, and we are already seeing fruit that only God can bring!

Many people in our community are still waiting to see if their request for asylum will be approved. It’s a long process that takes an enormous amount of energy and weighs on their spirits. We need wisdom to know how to walk alongside them, to help them find practical solutions as they work through the system, and to help them—in their suffering—lean on Jesus.

**APRIL 28 THURSDAY****THE FORGOTTEN**

## THE HOMELESS IN FRANCE (CONT.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the new believers in our community, that they are strengthened in their faith.
2. Pray that our team is refreshed. Many are tired and facing challenges. Pray that their strength may be renewed to continue helping others.
3. Pray that the needs of our different projects are met. We need truck drivers, volunteer French teachers, and regular financial support for the rent for the house.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. AtHome Association website: [www.athome.paris](http://www.athome.paris)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/homeFR](https://www.facebook.com/homeFR)
3. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/migrantsaparis/>



APRIL 29 FRIDAY

MEDIA



# THE RADIO

*Nabine Poadi – Radio Harmonie*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

A communications expert said: “While in the past, the French turned to the journalists on TF1 and France 2 to tell them the day’s news, they can now dig in their pockets, pull out their smartphones, and choose what news to look at—24/7.” We could tell ourselves that this new form of media is stealing audiences from traditional media, but that’s not it at all. Traditional media continues to influence French opinions. Each day, tens of millions of French people consult newspapers, radio programs, and television stations in their traditional format or through their digital platforms.

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TAKING

Given this reality, associative radio stations—a model seen only in Europe—represents an opportunity for Christians to use the radio to share the Gospel in France. Associative radio gives us editorial freedom. In recent years, these radio stations, often called Christian radio, have been taken seriously because they bring a message of hope to listeners. Thanks be to God, today, Christian television and radio have figured out how to use the internet and digital tools to express the richness of faith across many digital platforms in France.

## WE NEED TO STOP MIMICKING THE WORLD

I have led *Radio Harmonie Cornouaille*, a local Protestant radio station in Brittany, for almost twenty years. I see the hand of God moving every day. In 2020 and 2021, despite the health crisis, radio was able to keep broadcasting. During this time, key local players, mayors, and associations were able to share information over the radio waves. From the comfort of their own homes, everyone could hear the authorities’ recommendations, as well as messages of encouragement, prayers, and poems. When our ministry was just starting out, we had a hard time getting some guests to come to our studios, but today I can tell you that everyone is reaching out to us: individuals, cultural association leaders, athletes, mayors, members of Parliament, etc.

Does it maybe seem to you like nothing is happening in French Christian media? I can tell you that God is acting through Christian media. The power doesn’t reside in us as sowers, or in the soil of France; the power is in God’s incorruptible seed. We will not allow ourselves to be intimidated by worldly media, for our God is a God of creativity. Let us liberate the spirit of creativity in ourselves. This is the key to our success. The Bible tells us everything we need to know to succeed, including how to succeed in media. God has a heart that beats for France. He is the God of the impossible, capable of overturning any power. Following in the footsteps of one of the sons of the prophets (2 Kings 6), if one among us loses the iron head from his axe—his motivation—it is time to turn to the Father and pray: “*Help, Lord!*”



**APRIL 29** FRIDAY

**MEDIA**



## THE RADIO (CONT.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Let us pray for the people working in Christian media, that they have the wisdom to share the truth skillfully and effectively.
2. Let us pray for the youth of France, that they rise up for the Lord and that they are protected from the harmful influence of social media.
3. Let us pray that God provides financially for Evangelical media whose good work is limited by lack of funds.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Hope Radio: [www.hoperadio.fr](http://www.hoperadio.fr)
2. Radio Harmonie Cornouaille: [www.radio-harmonie.com](http://www.radio-harmonie.com)
3. Radio Réveil (Waking Up Radio): [www.radioreveil.ch](http://www.radioreveil.ch)
4. Bible Audio: [www.bible.audio](http://www.bible.audio)
5. Le Journal Chrétien (Christian News): [www.chretiens.info](http://www.chretiens.info)



APRIL 30 SATURDAY

RELIGION



# ISLAM IN FRANCE

Philippe Flahaut – MENA

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Since the beginning of the twentieth century, we have seen Muslim immigrants arrive on French soil, most often coming from the Maghreb, North Africa. For the most part, these are men who come seeking jobs to provide for the families they left behind. In 1974, the French government opened the door to uniting families. So, many Muslim families now immigrate. Little by little, Muslim immigrants have had to consider what it means to be Muslim in France—how do they live out their Muslim faith in a secular country, now that their ties to their own countries are growing weaker? Currently, Islam is the second largest religion in France by number of followers.

Against this background, we rejoice to see that Evangelical churches are increasingly aware of the challenge Islam poses. More and more Christians are realizing that they need, in love, to bring the Muslims around them to Jesus. In recent years, God has brought us many evangelists from the Maghreb who minister primarily to Muslims.

More recently still, the CNEF, which represents more than 70% of French Evangelicals, created a commission on Islam. This is a sign of the growing, country-wide concern churches have about how to address Islam and Muslims. We thank God for setting up this commission that will provide advice and concrete ideas to support churches as they move forward.

Finally, the *séminaire d'islamologie* (Islamic Theology Seminar) is held each year under the aegis of the *Institut Biblique of Nogent-sur-Marne*. This year, it will again bring together some thirty people, demonstrating that Christians want to know how to interact effectively with the Muslims in their communities.

However, positive news doesn't hide the fact that Islamic extremism is penetrating further and further into France among some Muslims, especially in the so-called "sensitive" neighborhoods that are more radical. The urban and social configuration of these neighborhoods creates a breeding ground for the development of influential mechanisms and Islamic communitarianism. We see that, mirroring international events, roughly 95% of immigrants arriving in France are Muslim. On top of this, we are facing an election year. France is, right now, electing our next president, a president who will be responsible for many decisions related directly or indirectly to Islam.

**APRIL 30 SATURDAY****RELIGION**

## ISLAM IN FRANCE (CONT.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that God prepares the hearts of Muslims, that they may recognize that they have lost their way and may accept the Good News of Jesus, especially during Ramadan (April 2-30, 2022).
2. Pray that churches understand their responsibility to witness to Muslims, and that they be strengthened in this work.
3. Pray that Christians view Muslims in a new light. Pray that the barriers of prejudice fall, allowing Christians to welcome Muslims.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. MENA France: [www.mena-france.org](http://www.mena-france.org)
2. 30 jours (30 Days): [www.30jours.org](http://www.30jours.org)
3. ACNA: [www.acna.fr](http://www.acna.fr)
4. *La voix des prophètes* (Voice of the Prophets): [www.voix-des-prophetes.org](http://www.voix-des-prophetes.org)

### BIBLE VERSES

2 Timothy 1:7-8



## WEEK 3

MAY 1 SUNDAY

RELIGION



## THE MESSIANIC JEWS OF FRANCE

*François Blum – Juifs pour Jésus (Jews for Jesus)***BACKGROUND FOR TODAY**

France is home to the largest Jewish community in Europe (650,000 people). And yet there are few missionaries who work among the Jewish people. Amongst the associations currently ministering to Jews in France—*Juifs pour Jésus*, WEC, Life in Messiah, Chosen People Ministries, and IMJP (formerly CWI)—there are only seven people currently active. The Jewish people are the targets of antisemitism in France in general, at work, and especially in social circles.

France is a country largely untouched by mission work, and so there are twice as many Jews in France as Evangelical Christians. This means that the vast majority of Jews in France have never heard the message of the Gospel and have never met an Evangelical Christian or a Messianic Jew (a Jewish believer in Jesus). This is even more frustrating since the Jewish people are more open than ever to the Gospel. Over time, *Juifs pour Jésus* has managed to build relationships with leaders in the Jewish community, which, we hope, will allow us to openly share the love of “Yeshoua ha machiah” (Jesus the Messiah).

**CHALLENGES**

We must introduce the gospel to the Jewish people in France, because French Jews, like many non-Jews, assume that “Jews don’t believe in Jesus” or “Jews don’t need Jesus.” But it’s important that this belief is overcome because it is an obstacle to faith in Jesus.

Evangelical Christians aren’t very concerned about the Jews. If we want to see Jews come to their Messiah, the Church in France must get involved in missions among the Jews. Overall, financial needs are an obstacle for us, but that is the case for other churches as well. We don’t have a meeting place in Paris (neutral ground) where we could welcome individual Jews seeking to learn about Christ or host conferences and outreach events. Renting or buying such a property is currently outside of our budget limitations.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for our urgent recruitment needs. We need young French-speaking messianic Jews who want to go into missions. Pray also for a sowing and a harvest.
2. Pray that churches rise up to bless the Jewish people, to pray for their salvation, and to share—in love—God’s saving grace. Pray that churches wake up and stand firm against antisemitism in both the public and private spheres.
3. Pray for the Jews who are currently working with us, including one synagogue and some religious Jews who are secretly seeking to study the Bible with our team members. Pray that they are able to believe in Jesus despite tradition, which weighs heavily on them.

**MAY 1 SUNDAY****RELIGION**

## THE MESSIANIC JEWS OF FRANCE (CONT.)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Juifs pour Jésus*: [www.juifspourjesus.org](http://www.juifspourjesus.org)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/JuifsPourJesus](https://www.facebook.com/JuifsPourJesus)
3. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5vZhywU809-x1rvW20XdNQ>
4. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/juifspourjesus/>
5. Twitter: [www.twitter.com/jpj\\_france](https://www.twitter.com/jpj_france)

### BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 9:38

Matthew 15:24

Luke 13:34

Acts 3:25-26

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:1



**MAY 2****MONDAY****FAMILY**

# FRENCH FAMILIES 2

*Françoise Caron – Associations Familiales Protestantes (Protestant Families Associations) – AFP*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

While family remains the foundation of our society and the primary value to which our young people aspire, the family unit is also stigmatized and is damaged by all sorts of insult from laws that change its fundamental nature and weaken it. The new laws on marriage, education, and bioethics are scrambling all points of reference and filling people, especially young people and young couples, with anxiety. The birth rate is plummeting and the number of marriages is dropping. Even in Christian circles people are afraid to start a family.

Everyone is seeking personal fulfillment, often to the detriment of family harmony. Divorce, violent adolescent crises, depression, and burnout affect families; and Christian circles are not spared. Since we have been warned, and we have seen the impacts of sin on our families, let us follow in the footsteps of Noah. Through our message and our example, through the work that God entrusts to us, let us build what leads to salvation and healing.

## CHALLENGES

1. Not to let ourselves be shaken by the prevailing narratives. Let us be reassured by the promises of God so that fear does not prevent us from entering fully into God's plan for our families and our young people.
2. Let us turn our own families into places of welcome and comfort, so that we can be open to those around us who are suffering from dysfunctional families, solitude, and isolation.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that our churches and our congregations welcome families. Pray that we offer rejuvenation for each family member. Pray that families be fully supportive of each other, in word and in deed.
2. Pray that each Christian home recognizes the importance of a life of prayer and of sharing the word of God within one's own family, so that we do not let ourselves get shaken and do not let the promises that God has made to our families be stolen.
3. Pray that we will not let ourselves be fooled, influenced by the ideological ideas that war with God's plan for the family. God founded the family on marriage between one man and one woman and entrusted the raising and education of children to the parents.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *Associations Familiales Protestantes*: [www.afp-federation.org](http://www.afp-federation.org)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/afp.nationale](https://www.facebook.com/afp.nationale)

## BIBLE VERSE

Hebrews 11:7

MAY 2 MONDAY

FAMILY



## FRENCH FAMILIES 2 (CONT.)

*John-Claude Buis – President of the Association des Familles Protestantes du Lot-et-Garonne (47) (Protestant Families Association of Lot-et-Garonne)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

#### THE STATE OF FAMILIES TODAY

In the wake of COVID-19, I, like most clear-headed people whose eyes are open, am worried. The statistics are clear, and for the past year, this has impacted the Church. We regularly hear frightening news through the 1 p.m. broadcast on BFM, a channel with a large French audience. The news worries even Christians, some tied to their televisions more than to the Word of God. Forty percent of people between the ages of thirty-five and forty-nine are morose and afraid of the future, void of happiness. Only 66% of people interviewed celebrated Christmas; 34% are afraid of family get-togethers. Many are avoiding get-togethers altogether.

One solution is offered by the medical establishment: “Get vaccinated, and above all, sleep well.”—that is their solution! “And what is the Christian’s response to the current reality?”, you ask. I answer: “Twenty-five to 30% of them have chosen to attend services ‘online.’” “Okay”, you’ll tell me, “so they aren’t going to their local church anymore, but they’re enrolled in online Bible studies.” Yes, they’re going to Bible studies “as a family.” But I ask myself: What is happening to brotherly love, sharing, listening to each other? What is happening to everything that makes us a Church? In Acts and the rest of Scripture, being together in the same place is essential to the Church.

Some pastors have seen their members desert the church without warning. Is it fear of COVID-19 or something else? More statistics: more than 20% of people have made decisions that they are starting to regret. We have never seen so much separation in families, in couples, and in churches. Now, the State is financing appointments with psychologists for students. Did COVID-19 give selfishness free rein? This is what many people think. Proverbs 18:1 tells us: “A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.”

It is time to find the people who have succumbed to fear and dread during this last year. We need to draw them back in from this fear of others, this distrust, this famous “distancing”—which did, indeed, achieve its purpose to the point that some Christians completely isolated themselves. (Ah yes, that’s what the world offers.) And yet some of this has nothing to do with safety measures.

For couples and families who have distanced themselves from each other, for those who “out of love for others continue to set themselves aside,” it is time for their thoughts to be lifted from dread and fear. It is time for the love of God to touch each of these cherished ones.

People are seeking real values. More than ever, we have the opportunity to talk about loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment. We can live out these values in practical ways in our families and churches by serving each other.

**MAY 2 MONDAY****FAMILY**

## FRENCH FAMILIES 2 (CONT.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Christians return to their local churches to praise God as a family.
2. Pray that families worship together within their own homes.
3. Pray that parents live lives of witness before their children, that they be the same at home as at church.

### BIBLE VERSES

Psalm 133:1-3





MAY 3 TUESDAY

ARTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT

# WORSHIP, ARTS AND CULTURE

Éric Pires-Antunes – Association PSALT

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

At the beginning of the Gospels, a chorus of angels descends from heaven and announces the coming of the Savior to the shepherds who leave amazed and imbued with celestial joy. If praise comes from heaven, why should we be concerned about culture or the arts here on earth?

In France, the life and activity of the local church takes place within the 1901 section of the French law. This law establishes freedom of association: cultural, artistic, educational, social, and... religious. Cultural life and spiritual life are even connected through the written law! After a brutal 2020, cultural spaces slowly started to reopen with the promise of slight improvement and the support of the State – creating a “cultural pass (stipend)” [designed but often failing to encourage young people to engage with cultural activities]. In a country that benefits from the Cultural Exception\*, the French haven’t made any exceptions to their way of life during the crisis – but continued their consumerism. We saw the stock market surpass pre-crisis peaks by the end of 2021, but what about the “cultural market”? And what impact has this had on the spiritual life in France? Seventy percent of the French population is still not attending live shows or in-person cultural events. Is this fear of the virus? An uncertainty and a desire to save money? Refusal to use the health pass or to conform to COVID-19 constraints? Culture and the arts are seen as less essential than consumer goods for the French economy and are sadly neglected. Just like the religion of secularism, we expect people to find cultural activities – on their own and in private.

\*Cultural exception is a special treatment from the European Union towards products and services related to culture, excluding them from the rules of the free market that apply to other products.



**MAY 3 TUESDAY****ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## WORSHIP, ARTS AND CULTURE (CONT.)

With more and more restrictions being put on the Church, how can we speak to the culture? Worship and the arts in the Church can seem very insular, but both the world of secular culture and the Church are suffering human, emotional, social, material, and financial needs. These shared difficulties tell us about the human experience, about what most profoundly touches the heart of man.

Through the arts, with music and singing being the most popular and most accessible, man freely expresses his aspirations, his search for meaning and truth, his quest, his battles, and his existential struggles. Postmodern humanity's art and culture, like the Christian's living expressions of faith and worship, reflect the man who lives and dies, cries and laughs, suffers and hopes, sinks into despair and dances with joy, but expresses—in all liberty, and through his own intuition—what he is, at his most profound depths. His art bears traces of his nature, born of the earth, but created in the “image of God.”

It is up to the Church to cultivate this relationship in a postmodern world where, as Bonhoeffer said, “Before God and with God we live without God.” Culture and the arts express the two shared aspects of our humanity that, in times of trial, best allow us to see the face of the glorious God who lowered Himself to join us. Praise and culture are inseparable. When praise doesn't “fall from heaven” and join the human experience, it is anchored in the pains of this earth but carries within itself the hope and reflection of the glory of the God-become-man. It carries this hope “until He comes again.”

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for a renewal of a spirituality that meets our countrymen in their trials and for [Christians to have] a dialogue with culture and modern art.
2. Pray that the Church maintain a “beautiful witness” despite the State and the media's distrust.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

MAY

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TUESDAY

ARTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT

## WORSHIP, ARTS AND CULTURE (CONT.)

*Music and Artistic Activities*

*Dan Hoang – La Compagnie des Actes (The Acts Company)*

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

From May 2018 to November 2019, our musical, *Jésus, le don d'une vie (Jesus, the Gift of a Life)*, toured theaters with an average of 1,000 seats, including the *Palais des Congrès* in Marseille. A documentary about the play was selected from among 4,000 applications from 109 countries to the Festival Finding Vince 400 in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. After we canceled the tour because of COVID-19, we launched the children's podcast *Mets tes Ecoute Coeur (Listen with Your Heart)* with Myriam de Beaurepaire, who tells Bible stories, fictional stories, and stories based on real events. They all end with a Bible verse sung by a children's chorus. The *Compagnie des Actes* also co-produced the video *Identité en Question (Identity in Question)* on the theme of identity in Christ for fifteen- to eighteen-year-olds. Our mission is to produce audiovisual tools to help the new generation ground themselves in Christian values and to protect themselves from the influence of the theories and messages of confusion that are invading our culture and our society.

### CHALLENGES

1. The great challenge is always to find financing for our productions. Unfortunately, our productions depend too much on volunteer work and the work of under-paid artists.
2. The other challenge is motivating churches to work together on a shared project like interchurch youth events to talk about *Identité en Question*.
3. A breakthrough will only be made in France when people realize the need to work together and have a real willingness to financially support ministries so they can compensate artists and technicians according to their real value.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *La Compagnie des Actes*: [www.lacompagniedesactes.fr](http://www.lacompagniedesactes.fr)
2. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lacompagniedesactes](https://www.facebook.com/lacompagniedesactes)
3. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/lacompagniedesactes](https://www.instagram.com/lacompagniedesactes)
4. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQduGlrPmnqbBzgyj-lvDpQ>

MAY 4 WEDNESDAY

MEDIA



# AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA

*The ZeWatchers Team*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

The crisis persists and our society is plunging into a heavy, sluggish sullenness and moroseness. While many churches are emptying out because of COVID-19, sharing the Good News should be our priority now more than ever. How can we who live in the era of smartphones, social media, and video—especially Netflix shows—combine these three things to proclaim the gospel?



A new tool is available, for free. It's called *The Chosen*. For the very first time, the Gospel and the life of Jesus Christ are brought to the screen in a television series. *The Chosen* shows us Jesus through the eyes of those who walked beside him. The series runs for seven, eight-episode seasons. Not broadcasted on traditional platforms, *The Chosen* already has over 320 million views and has broken many records. This television series has received more crowdfunding than any other television production in history. On IMDB, *The Chosen* has a 9.6 out of 10 rating from viewers, the highest of any film or TV show to date. The show is subtitled in more than sixty languages by volunteers and, at the end of 2021, had already been dubbed in eleven languages, including French. It's a real phenomenon, and the goal is to reach a billion people.

ZeWatchers bought the rights from *The Chosen's* American production company to share Jesus everywhere in the French-speaking world. And, by the grace of God, season 1 was broadcasted for the first time in prime time on TV (Canal+ Séries, and C8) over Christmas, 2021, reaching thousands of French people well outside our Christian bubble. This remarkable tool allows us to share Jesus in an accessible way with those around us. This series is powerfully brought to life; it is thrilling, full of humor, and based on the Gospels.

MAY 4

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY



## AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA (CONT.)

### CHALLENGES

1. That Christians will not be simple consumers of the series, but that they share it with others.
2. Creating home groups to watch episodes together (with family, friends, and neighbors). Beyond sharing the gospel, *The Chosen* is also a discipleship tool since the project lasts for seven years. A study guide for home groups will be available.
3. Organizing screenings in churches, movie theaters, etc. The only condition is that it is free. The screenings can be followed by Gospel messages, discussions, or testimony—it's up to the organizers. A practical guide for screenings will be available.
4. Sharing Jesus on social media and creating content for YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, etc. to promote *The Chosen*, which is free. An online community will be called on to act, and we will provide ideas for how to proceed.
5. Using *The Chosen* with young children as a tool for Sunday schools, catechism, and religious instruction in private schools.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that everyone (Christians, churches, church families, and Christian organizations) come together around a common goal: to make Christ known to the French-speaking world.
2. Pray for financing for an unprecedented and innovative marketing campaign (TV spots, ads in the metro, etc.) in order to reach the greatest number of people.
3. Pray that we find 10,000 ambassadors to promote the series and actively work on this beautiful, collective adventure.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *The Chosen* site for ambassadors: [www.thechosen.info](http://www.thechosen.info)
2. *The Chosen* site in French: <https://thechosen.fr/>
3. Christian news: <https://www.infochretienne.com/>
4. The magazine *On Est Ensemble* (We are Together): [www.onestensemblemag.com](http://www.onestensemblemag.com)

### BIBLE VERSE

John 4:35

MAY

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THURSDAY

RELIGION



# CHURCH RENEWAL

*Clément Diedrichs – Director of the Conseil National des Évangéliques de France (National Council of Evangelicals of France) – CNEF*

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

There are more than 2,500 Evangelical churches in France, gathering 700,000 people. This number has grown fourteen-fold since 1950, but still only represents one percent of the French population. Most churches are united by denomination under one national authority that represents them, the CNEF.

The primary challenge is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in a population that is decidedly secular. This post-Christian culture is so strong in France that when we share the Gospel, we must be aware that the person we are speaking with has probably never developed a sense of transcendental truth and most likely has absolutely no Biblical point of reference. This means that there's a real opportunity to share something radical with people seeking spirituality.

The core of the message remains fundamentally the same, the method of transmitting the message must be adapted. Many people who discover Christ do so after either walking side-by-side with Christians for a long time, have known Christians who have accepted them as they are or have relevant answers to their questions, or people have welcomed them into communities whose lives reflect the spirit of Jesus. This is why we think that establishing new churches is the most effective way to proclaim the Gospel to those around us. From one church for every thirty thousand inhabitants, we want to grow to one church for every ten thousand. A real challenge!

We must build churches not only in every corner of France, but also in every sphere of society. While today every city in France with over twenty thousand inhabitants has a church, some areas are neglected. For example, Paris's richest arrondissement, the 16th, doesn't have any churches, even though it is heavily populated. Parts of the French countryside have only one church for every 3,400 square miles.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that the existing churches will be a witness to the people in their neighborhoods and that they will be lighthouses shining out to the world around them!
2. Pray for the CNEF and our resolute desire to help churches and organizations share the Gospel. We want to do this in four areas:

- Sharing success stories,
- Helping denominations share the Gospel in new ways, adapted to this new society,
- Encouraging a culture of prayer,
- Defending freedom of conscience and speech.

**MAY 5 THURSDAY**

**RELIGION**



## CHURCH RENEWAL (CONT.)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The CNEF: [www.lecnef.org](http://www.lecnef.org)
2. *Projet 1 pour 10 000* (The 1 for 10,000 Project): [www.1pour10000.fr](http://www.1pour10000.fr)

### BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 28:19-20

1 John 1:2



MAY

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FRIDAY

BUSINESS



# WORK AND BUSINESS

Anne-Marie Husson – C-PROACTIF

## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

At this very moment, campaigns are in full swing for France's upcoming presidential election. The challenges of this electoral process are immense because, in our country, the real choice that lies before us is about how we see ourselves as a society and in particular, our vision of:

- What it is to be human
- The role of business
- How to view foreigners and immigrants
- Our social responsibility toward the poorest among us
- Our contribution to climate change and its risks to the planet

Work, how it is perceived and experienced, will be immediately impacted by the elections. The economic and social repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis also have a profound impact on work. What we at one time would never have accepted through reason and sound judgment now seems acceptable under the pressure of worldwide economic events:

- The increased scarcity of raw materials
- The constant increase in transport costs for merchandise
- The expectations that workers now have for their quality of life

All of this puts new demands on the way we think about work, the morality of work, and especially on its purpose. May Christians play a role in redefining work, and may they sow Biblical values in society through all the fields in which they labor.

## CHALLENGES

1. The greatest challenge facing Christians in France is learning to see themselves as servants of the Lord in the workplace. May they act with strength through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and may they contribute to the good of society and its healing.
2. The second greatest challenge facing Christians in the workplace is to be “equipped” and “sent” by their churches to carry out this ministry! Let us pray for church leadership that they set loose the members of their congregations and allow them to claim the full authority of this mandate that God gives them.
3. The third challenge remains, of course, witnessing. An open and convincing witness rests on the faithfulness of the life of the witness and on his love for his colleagues.



**MAY 6****FRIDAY****BUSINESS**

## WORK AND BUSINESS (CONT.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Christians are rooted in their identity in Christ and are a light that shines forth through them in the workplace. Pray that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may be active, innovative, and proactive in their respective fields.
2. Pray that the Church plays a prophetic role in the world of business by once again giving work the meaning that God gives it and by promoting a quality of work that gives equal dignity to everyone and that serves humanity and the planet.
3. Pray for the witness of Christians, that the quality of their work and their behavior strengthens their witness for Christ.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. C-PROACTIF (network for working Christians): [www.c-proactif.org](http://www.c-proactif.org)
2. CTM (*Chrétiens Témoins dans le Monde*) (Christian Witnesses in the World): [www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr/presentation](http://www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr/presentation)
3. ICCCFrance (International Christian Chamber of Commerce): [www.iccc-france.org](http://www.iccc-france.org)
4. GBE (*Groupes Bibliques d'Entreprises*) (Business Bible Groups): [www.gbe-france.org](http://www.gbe-france.org)
5. EDC (*Entrepreneurs et Dirigeants Chrétiens*) (Christian Entrepreneurs and Leaders): [www.lesedc.org](http://www.lesedc.org)

### BIBLE VERSES

2 Chronicles 7:14  
 Jeremiah 29:7  
 Ephesians 4:11-14  
 Ephesians 2:10  
 1 Peter 3:15

MAY

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SATURDAY

RELIGION



# CHURCH PLANTING

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## BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Dunamis is a network that specializes in planting churches and growing disciples. Our goal is to train one thousand church planters. We received Psalm 60:12 at the beginning of the year: “Through God we will do valiantly.” This Scripture verse has greatly encouraged us to dream big for our country!

We launched the site [www.implanteruneeglise.com](http://www.implanteruneeglise.com) with the goal of training and equipping hundreds of church planters. With our partner [www.DCPI.org](http://www.DCPI.org), we offer five trainings on church planting, from the essentials of planting churches to growing the number of churches, mentoring planters, and growing church membership. These trainings have been met with great success, and many people are reaching out to us for training. Many church plant projects have been carried out all over France!

## CHALLENGES

This year, we are offering a new module on growing the number of disciples. Our vision is to open learning communities everywhere in France where pastors and Christians can learn to plant and grow groups of disciples in their towns and neighborhoods. The goal is to show Christians and French churches how, once again, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in their neighborhoods, their towns, and their places of work.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for an exponential growth of churches and church planters in France.
2. Pray for the establishment of learning communities in French towns and cities.
3. Pray for exponential growth of financial resources that contribute to the support and development of the church planting movement in France.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Réseau Dunamis (Dunamis Network): [www.reseaudunamis.com](http://www.reseaudunamis.com)
2. Church planting: [www.implanteruneeglise.com](http://www.implanteruneeglise.com)
3. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/reseaudunamis](https://www.facebook.com/reseaudunamis)
4. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/reseaudunamis](https://www.instagram.com/reseaudunamis)
5. Twitter: [www.twitter.com/reseaudunamis](https://www.twitter.com/reseaudunamis)

## BIBLE VERSES

Nehemiah 4:17  
 Jeremiah 29:7  
 Acts 4:29-31  
 Acts 5:42

**MAY 8 SUNDAY**

# SEND-OFF

Thank you for praying for each of the areas and ministries in the 2022 Pray for France prayer guide! We know prayer is an essential weapon against the powers of darkness—mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds and barriers to hear the truth of the Gospel. Your participation in this campaign has made a difference. You are part of the movement of the Holy Spirit to bring this nation to faith in Christ!

As you have read, there is a great deal of Kingdom work in France, and we want to encourage you to keep praying for strength and perseverance for these ministries.

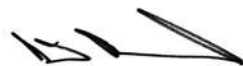
At Impact France, we believe in year-long support for our French brothers and sisters! This is why our mission is to **MOBILIZE PRAYER** for and **FACILITATE GIVING** to our French partners. We believe that each gift, paired with faithful prayer, multiplies the impact of each ministry partner. This is where the kindling of our prayers is set ablaze with the generosity of our hearts.

Besides, if we encourage one form of worship (prayer), why would we not encourage all forms (giving, singing, testifying, etc.)? If you feel God is leading you to financially support any of the ministries listed in this guide, please contact us at [info@impactfrance.org](mailto:info@impactfrance.org), and we will show you how to make a tax-deductible donation!

Finally, to learn more about Impact France, please visit our website at [www.impactfrance.org](http://www.impactfrance.org).

In Christ,

**David Broussard**



President  
Impact France

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