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The Phillips in France

Hello everyone! As far as ministry goes, things have been going well. Our numbers in Wednesday night Bible Study have been staying consistent and we've made some more contacts. We ask you to continue praying for God to bless and open doors here in Nantes.

This month, I need to dedicate a little more space to an unforeseen issue that has presented some complications for us. A couple of problems sort of merged on us at the same time and we've been praying and searching for the right solutions.

Complication #1: There is a French law that requires American citizens who have lived in France for five years, to return to the United States for one full year or they must enter the French social security system. We were not aware of this law until recently, and we have been here for five years and eight months. Thus, if we want to continue our ministry in France, we must enter the French social security system.

Complication #2: Since we are living and working in France for most of the fiscal year, the salary we receive from the U.S. is taxable in France and our sending church is legally responsible for making social security contributions to France. In order to do this correctly and be right with the French government, we had two options: 1. Our sending church could create an organization in France through which our salary and social security are paid, tax is withheld, and other administrative fees are handled. 2. We find an existing organization who can do all of that for us.

We decided to go with the second option and have found an organisation that will handle it all. Therefore, from now on, our salary is sent from our sending church to this French organization, all the necessary things are taken out, and then what is left over of the salary is sent to us in euros. The catch is...it's expensive!!!

In order for us to do this, **our ministry is going to need an increase in support of about \$1,300 per month.** The amount was higher, but, Praise God, a new church has already partnered with us to help in this matter.

Essentially, what we need is another 13 churches to begin supporting us at \$100/month. I don't know when I would be able to return to the U.S. in order to do deputation, and I honestly don't want to leave the work right now and risk having to start over again when I return. Please pray hard with us that God will supply what is needed.

We love and thank God for you all. The Lord wasn't surprised by all of this, so we're trusting in His provision.

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