

The Phillips in France



May 2026

May brought with it lots of blessings: new connections, some reconnections, and a renewed vision for our city.

Notice that I didn't say a "new" vision, but a "renewed" vision. Sometimes we can put our heads down and get to work doing task after task for so long that we forget to step back and look at the big picture. I'll admit that I've been in such a work mode for a while. In May, I felt the need to regain sight of the full vision and mission that God has given us to complete here. I believe God has not only renewed it but enlarged it! (More on page 2)

Sunday services have been going well. We had a first-time visitor in May and several who contacted us but have yet to come. One Sunday, we had a baby shower for Leila and Raphael. I'll share a picture of that in the column to the right. Their daughter Esmée is doing well and growing daily, as babies do.

We asked for prayer in the last report for things going on in the lives of our people, and I thank you for those prayers. Things have begun improving, it seems. Please continue to pray for them and that the enemy will not use "the cares of this world" to cause unfruitfulness.

Finally, I want to announce that a young man has come to faith in Christ! Oswald, who I've been meeting with for over a year now, has trusted the Lord for salvation, and we are now discussing his baptism and learning the basics. Praise God for this huge blessing!

Baby Shower



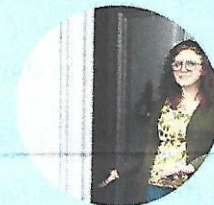
Leila, Raphael, and their baby, Esmée, opening gifts

A day with Dad



Kylie and Anthony on their Saturday exploring Nantes.

Kylie ready to welcome visitors



Each Sunday, Kylie stands right here to welcome our church plant members and any visitors who may come. On this day, we welcomed a first time guest: a gentleman on his way to the cinema who decided instead to come inside!!!

1

CLOSENESS WITH GOD

To walk with God daily and grow in fellowship with Him.

2

ON MISSION

To get serious about sharing the gospel with their friends and family.

3

VISITORS

To continue having new visitors on Sundays and that they'll become return visitors.

Anthony and Niki



Thank you all for your prayers for the people in our church plant. As I mentioned on the first page, God has answered those prayers, and they all seem to be doing better.

As for our vision for Nantes... since we've been here, our efforts have primarily focused on the French population, and we have not yet developed strategies or tools for reaching the many international communities that also call France home.

This has not been due to negligence, because our primary calling has been to plant an indigenous French church. However, recently I've been sensing that God may be leading us to broaden our reach and minister more intentionally among people from other backgrounds and nationalities as well.

In order to do that effectively, we need relationships with people from those people groups who can help us better understand their cultures, perspectives, and needs as we seek to share the gospel with them.

Please pray that God would bring us into contact with people from the communities He wants us to engage first. Here is a list of some of the nations represented in Nantes: Algeria, Tunisia, Senegal, Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Romania, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, and many others.

Kylie



Hello, God has blessed us again this month with some new connections!

This month God gave me two new language partners. I had one incredible week where I was able to share about God with three of my language partners! One of the ladies asked why Christians eat lamb at Easter (which is something they do here in France...I didn't have the heart to tell her many of us actually eat ham on Easter in the U.S.A. 😊). I responded to her question by explaining how Jesus is our Passover Lamb. That was so cool! I've also had the chance to share the gospel with another lady who is an atheist. She has been going through a very difficult time and opened up to me about it. I asked if I could pray for her, and she said yes, but warned me that she wouldn't give the prayer credit whether the outcome was good or bad. Then she asked more about what my beliefs were, and I was able to share about Jesus.

I randomly bumped into a lady on the street while parking my bike who opened up and told me all about her life. I shared with her about God and asked if she would like me to pray with her. She declined but said it would be okay for me to pray for her privately, and I've been doing so. I told her about our church plant and invited her to come visit us sometime.

Please pray for each of these ladies and that God would give me wisdom and the right words to speak. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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