

The Phillips in France



June 2026

If you've ever seen those photos taken with a slow shutter speed where the person running is just a blur...that pretty much sums up our month of June.

I'm sure many of you probably feel the same way.

The first part of June was the normal daily stuff, plus preparing for our departure for the National ABA Meeting in Hot Springs. There was a lot that needed to be done before we left, and by God's grace we got it done. I'm so proud of our people. They carried on the services without us present. Though Kylie and Taylor were still in France, they really stepped up and took care of things.

The National Meeting was a blessing. We saw many brothers and sisters in Christ that we haven't seen in a long time. This was Niki's first time at a National Meeting since 2017! This time was also a bit of a family reunion as it was held in Hot Springs, AR. We got to see a lot of family who live in the area. My mother even drove up from Florida to visit with us. She and my Granny even got to see our booth. Unfortunately, my father who lives in Hot Springs was not able to attend because he was scheduled to have an important operation that week. However, God blessed because we were able to visit with him in the hospital and be there the day of the surgery. God is good. We also, of course, got to spend time with our son Joshua and his new wife Citlalli before leaving. They are expecting their first child in December!

I want to say a special thanks to the LORD, and to Bethany MBC in Whitehall, AR through whom He made this trip possible.

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CLOSENESS WITH GOD

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

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ON MISSION

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

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VISITORS

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

Tacos 4 Life



Niki eating her favorite food...Tacos. We stopped in Texarkana on the way to Arkansas from the Dallas airport.

Joshua working hard



While in Henderson, we went to Wal-Mart to see where our Joshua works.

Kylie van Gogh



Kylie had an art exhibit with the rest of her art class. Her painting was Van Gogh's Chair originally painted in 1888. She did a great job.

Anthony and Niki

As has already been mentioned, we're thankful for the time God gave us with our family in June, especially with Anthony's father, Russell.



One thing many pastors and church members may not realize is how painful and difficult it is to be in a foreign country when your family is having problems back home. Any time there is a surgery, a sickness, and especially a death that keeps you from being with your family...it's rough.

Not only that, but we've lost so many years with the younger generation of our family that they don't even know or recognize us. We had to be re-introduced to my cousins' children during this trip because they had no idea who we were.

The same will be true with our soon-to-come grandbaby for a while.

This is one of the sacrifices we made when we came to the mission field. It's hard, but we know this is where God wants us to be and that this is what He wants us to be doing. And He gives grace. We're thankful to serve Him even when it's hard.

Kylie

June seemed to pass by very quickly! While my parents attended the national meeting, I stayed in France and continued with ministry and daily responsibilities. We also experienced a record-breaking heat wave, which made it difficult to meet with people. Several of my language partners had to cancel because of the extreme temperatures. Even with the heat, I was thankful for opportunities to spend time with people from our church plant and some of my language partners, prepare music for our Sunday services, and help prepare for a group coming from Faith MBC in North Little Rock, AR for a short-term mission outreach.



One highlight of the month was my art school's exhibition. I invited some friends and my family to come see the display and meet the people from my art school. Afterwards, we spent some time together at my apartment talking and enjoying snacks.

Please pray for more opportunities to build relationships and share Christ's love with those around me.

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