

The Phillips in France



July 2026

I'm going to call July of 2026 our month of encouragement. This encouragement came from the Lord through many different means, and it was exactly what we needed.

During the first part of the month, we were visited by a group from Faith MBC in North Little Rock, AR. They came to do an outreach with us in Nantes. Travel complications shortened our time together, but we all buckled in and still got it done! I showed them how we do discipleship here by giving them hands-on experience with it, and I think we all really enjoyed those times together. Then we had two major projects that we accomplished.

The first day, we broke into teams and all went to the grocery store to buy food items from a list that we prepared. This gave the Faith team an experience in what it's like shopping in France. Then we distributed 46 care packages to the homeless around the city containing food, socks, water, and other items. The second day, we did what I call a ministry scavenger hunt. Our goal wasn't to find "things," but to find people to whom we could minister in some way. That could be something as simple as holding the door open, handing them a copy of the Gospel of Luke, giving a bottle of water to someone (it was very hot), or praying with someone if the opportunity arose. Not every team accomplished every task, but every group accomplished several of them, and the result was that the French people saw that someone cares for them... even if it was a little strange for some of them to find out such a thing 😊.

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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.

Faith MBC Team



This was taken in front of Nantes' mechanical elephant, inspired by works of Jules Verne and Leonardo daVinci.

Watercolor at Kylie's



These ladies had blast watercoloring together at Kylie's apartment.

The Pastor and I



A family in our apartment building invited us to their photography exhibition. They took this photo of us there with an old fashioned camera.

Anthony and Niki

Our second visit was a little more personal. Brother David Slone, Pastor of Gant Lake MBC in



Groveland, FL, and his wife, Sarah, came and visited us for a few days. Then Sarah went home, and our pastor, Steve Rutherford, came to visit. He and Brother David rented an Airbnb together for a week and spent time encouraging us. Pastor Steve has been here several times, but this was Brother Slone's first time. So we had time showing him around and letting him get a taste of France.

We had a really good time with them. They attended our worship service on Sunday, which was completely in French. Google Translate was able to help them follow along with the message and even participate in the discussion.

While they were here, I had been invited to attend a photo exhibition put on by a couple on the 10th floor of our apartment building. We've been trying to build a relationship with them, and so it was cool to receive this invite. I took Pastor Steve along with me, and the husband of this couple wanted to take our photo with an old-fashioned camera he had there. It was a good month.

Kylie

July has been a long month, but filled with so many blessings from the Lord!



At the beginning of the month, we were blessed to have a group from Faith MBC from North Little Rock, Arkansas, visit us for a short mission outreach. We were also blessed to have our pastor and another friend visit and encourage us this month.

The rest of the month has been focused on building relationships through my language exchanges. I was able to have dinner with one of my language partners and her spouse, where they asked many questions about my beliefs. Although challenging at times, the Lord gave me the words to say, and it was a wonderful opportunity to talk about Him. I also met young lady at a watercoloring class that I attended. We immediately connected and have already hung out a few times since then!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I am so grateful for each of you and excited to see what God will continue to do through these relationships and encounters!

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