

# Fox's Newsletter

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Dear friends and family,

*For God is not unrighteous to forget **your** work and labor of love, which **ye have shown** toward His name, in that **ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.** (Hebrews 6:10)*

It was exactly 23 years ago to the day that we boarded a plane to begin our ministry in France. That seems like so very long ago. First, we spent about 6 years in the city of Thionville, until that church called its first French pastor. Although the church has dwindled in size over the years, and has since changed pastors, there is still a very solid core group and a faithful young pastor (Samuel Briard) who continue that work.

In 1994 we began a new church work in the city of Rouen. We have been aided greatly over the years by a number of God's most faithful servants -- Elsa Ramirez, Paul Stevenson, Jared Stevenson, Jeff Abbett, Brad Jones, and Kristi Colas, to name a few. Today, that church is doing well, in spite of our unexpected decision to leave France. They are without a pastor, which is keenly felt, but the believers are united and excited about what God is doing in their midst. Just last weekend they organized a 3-day young singles' athering/evangelistic outreach. Many good contacts were made. We were really encouraged to hear such good news. However, while we remain confident about the future of that young church, your prayers are obviously as needed as ever.

Also, Lori and I want to thank you again for the support that you have shown over the years, not only to our family, but also to these two churches where we were privileged to serve. As of the beginning of this month, we have now finished sharing our final report with our supporting churches. This has been one of the most emotionally-charged phases of our ministry. But God has sustained us, and we are very much at peace that we made the right decision to return to the States. So, what next?

While waiting on the Lord for future ministry, I have begun substitute teaching here in New Jersey. I have only been part-time up to now, but just after Thanksgiving I will be engaged full-time. We are still in contact with several churches needing a pastor or assistant. The process takes time in order to find the right "fit". God knows where He wants us, and we are confident that He will get us there at just the right time.

A number of churches and individuals have continued our support beyond anything that we expected, and some support us still. Since I will soon be receiving a full salary from teaching, there is no need to continue sending us your support. Please feel free to redirect those funds at any time. And again, we want to sincerely thank you. You have helped us through a VERY significant and difficult transitional period in our lives. We will never forget what you have done for us and for our family.

Except to inform you once a decision is made about our next ministry, this will most likely be our last "official" prayer letter. This is approximately prayer letter #130. That's a lot of prayer letters. That's a lot of prayer! Thank you for being such faithful prayer partners.

In closing, I would like to share part of a poem, written in fact some three centuries ago by a well-known French quietist Madame Jeanne Marie Bouvier de la Mothe Guyon. It expresses a great truth in the context of our decision to leave the mission field.

To me remains nor place nor time;  
My country is in every clime;  
I can be calm and free from care  
On any shore, since God is there.

Could I be cast where Thou art not,  
That were indeed a dreadful lot;  
But regions none remote I call,  
Secure of finding God in all.

While place we seek, or place we shun,  
The soul finds happiness in none;  
**But with a God to guide our way,**  
**Tis equal joy, to go or stay.**

In Calvary's love,  
Kim & Lori Fox

P.S. Please pray for Lori. She is with her parents in Florida for several weeks. They continue to battle a number of serious health issues. We are very thankful that Lori can be there to help and to minister to them.