

## **Olympic Games Gospel Trip, OL 4** **for the 20-29 August Bible Distribution Days**

Now as we are entering into our final Olympic Gospel Trip, OL5, ending September 9th, we feel that the Lord has done more than we could ask or think. How we praise Him! In the places where we have been continuously laboring for 40 days, the Lord has been gathering a small group of new believers who have entered into the church life with us. It is our real hope that these ones would be either the increase to existing churches or the nucleus of new churches. We have seen the benefit in these places of practicing the day by day and house to house church life. The local saints along with the visiting saints are rejoicing at being together outside of a formal church life. Everyone participating has acquired a taste to have a church life as our living instead of simply having scheduled meetings. The God-ordained way has been practiced, not as a work to gain ones, but as a normal living carried out in the Body of Christ. Now our eyes are turning to the urgent need before us. There must a way to care for the ones we have contacted during our consecutive gospel trips. Of course, the Lord will thrust out workers through migration and there will be a full-time team based in Paris but neither of these fill the urgent need we have now. But in fellowshipping with several teams it came up that some really desired to come back quickly, and spent one to three months where they have been laboring so that there would be a continual presence in that place. We felt that this was the Lord's speaking on how the urgent need could be met. Among the co-workers in Europe we have begun to fellowship how retired ones and those serving full-time might be able to quickly return so that the shepherding of these new ones could continue. We will send out a letter shortly to let the saints know how they can participate in this way.

### **Prayer Burden for the Lord's Work in France:**

Pray that the ones, retired or full-time, who have participated in the Torch Relay or Olympic Gospel Trips would have the echo of the Lord's burden in their heart to come for one to three months to meet the urgent need for the continued shepherding of these dear new ones the Lord has put into our hand.

Pray that all those who have applied to serve full-time in France would get their visas approved in a timely manner. By mid-October these ones will join with the Lord for His shepherding care for all the ones saved and baptized since the beginning of the Torch Relay Gospel Trips which began in May and continuing with the Olympic gospel trips which are currently going on.

Pray that there would be open hearts to hear and respond to the Lord's call to migrate.

## **Here are the Highlights from the Gospel Teams:**

### **Highlights for Paris-Nanterre-Palaiseau-Versailles**

We presented the gospel to a Portuguese lady in Spanish, who then prayed to receive the Lord! Another young man stood a stone's throw away from us for a couple minutes before walking up to us. He learned about his human spirit and called "Lord Jesus!" He had recently moved to the area with his family and wishes to bring his family to the meetings. Many others also expressed willingness to come to the meetings and have Bible studies with us. We remained busy at the train station even after we ran out of Bibles for the day! Some asked if they could see us at the same place tomorrow so that they can receive a free Bible. The team lingered to make personal connections and to share the truth using the Mystery of Human Life, MHL, gospel tract.

We met a dear young woman during OL3 and had her for dinner and a time in the Word here in central Paris. This was her second time with us. She wants to come once a week to get into the Bible together.

Two sisters from the team joined by two local sisters really enjoyed last night's Bible reading with a new one who was met in OL 4. The new one really enjoyed our time a lot and she wants to know the real God. She understands the Bible when she reads with the saints and wants regular times together.

I reached out to one of our new ones, I invited her to read the Bible at a coffee shop, and she's open to a Bible study and willing to share her phone number with a local French sister for further arrangements.

As the team prepared to leave, we met a young man who is a believer. We shared with him about the church and invited him to join the dinner and the Bible study time tonight. He arrived right at the start of our singing time. He shared that he was not doing so well spiritually. He felt that the Lord had sovereignly arranged for us to meet him and that he himself too should put in some effort to regain his spiritual strength. He was grateful for our invitation and felt welcome in the meeting. In addition to this dear believer, a local sister invited her neighbor-friend to the dinner time. This gospel friend was very soft and open to the Lord. She studied the Bible with us, reading and asking questions. She received the Word with simplicity of heart and called "O Lord Jesus" deep from her spirit. With her mouth and heart opened wide, she received the Lord and prayed with us, and we discussed the significance of baptism with her. She felt happy and declared that all the sisters in the study group were shining forth Christ.

Tonight, during the dinner and Bible study time, we continued to shepherd the sheep gained from previous gospel trips. Five ones from previous gospel trips came for more fellowship. We broke into three groups by language. All groups had a wonderful time fellowshiping over the first 13 verses of John Chapter 1. The Lord was able to cherish the new ones through this time. A pair of sisters in the flesh were burdened that their family back in Peru would also have a church that they may belong to. They were delighted to find a brother on the team who had previously lived in their hometown and could connect their family to the local church. The Lord comforted them through this divine arrangement. We received many positive responses from the new ones, and some said that they would love to come back for further fellowship.

During the seminar tonight, we were visited by five believers and a family with four children, who are new Christians. We expounded John 1:14, examining the words "tabernacled" and "grace." We referred to the Old Testament for the picture of the tabernacle to contrast the exclusivity of the high priest entering the Holy of Holies with the inhabiting of Christ in our spirit in the New Testament made possible by the process that the Lord went through. We emphasized the importance of our human spirit always making His riches available to us. We also presented 1 Cor. 15:10, Phil. 4:23, 2 Tim. 4:22 to illustrate that grace is a person, who is God Himself, being enjoyed by us.

We had our Bible study tonight. One person from a previous gospel trip joined. It had been a long time since he had read the Bible. When he experienced the mutuality where all would share, he was encouraged to read the Bible in this way so that he too would be able to speak the truth.

The Lord also encouraged us by the faith of the two newly baptized sisters. They came to the Bible study drenched in the rain. However, they shared that just like the living stones described in the passage of John 1:35-51, they also would follow the Lord wherever He goes. They uttered, "Nothing is impossible for those who love the Lord."

Today in the Lord's Day meeting, we were visited by a seeking Christian who has been looking for a place to meet. Her neighbor, who was contacted from a previous gospel trip, brought her to our meeting. She testified that this is exactly the meeting of the church that she had been looking for. May she find the church her home, that the Lord may gain her for the church.

Tonight, we were blessed to have visiting saints in our Bible study. We received support from a couple who speaks Spanish and another couple who speaks French. We continued to shepherd ones from previous gospel trips. One sister testified that she felt peace every time she arrived at the meeting. Another student sister shared from reading John 2, that Jesus turns our death water into wine!

Tonight, we had a wonderful baptism with a new sister. This new sister has been the neighbor and friend of a local saint for many years. Since the local saint believed in the Lord, this one has seen changes in this saint's living, which intrigued and attracted her. After joining several home meetings and Bible studies, she believed and received the fellowship on baptism to declare her faith. During this time the saints have been praying desperately for her that she would be baptized before she moves to a far-away city due to work. The Lord was faithful in answering prayers. After the baptism, she shared that she felt warm in her heart, and the heavy burdens that she has been carrying has finally dropped. May she experience the reality of the Lord sustaining her, that she would be strengthened into her inner man and be connected to a close local church.

For the Bible study tonight, we continued our fellowship in John 2:12-22. We welcomed four solid new ones. We discussed the significance of the word "temple": how the temple as the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament is not God's goal. When Jesus was on earth, He was the reality of the temple, and after His resurrection, we all became part of the temple because the Holy Spirit now dwells within us. One person then shared his testimony of how the Lord shined on him when he was a young believer, that he would be a Christian only in the meetings and not live Christ outside the meetings. He has thus been learning to live in union with Christ. May the Lord fully gain precious materials that many will be perfected to be fitted into the church life!

Today we split into two teams, going to two different train stations. Our experience today has been that this gospel trip is a continual work, we are watering and reaping the seeds which has been sown by others. Some of the ones that we interacted with today has been contacted in previous gospel trips. Others had seen us previously and had only decided to approach us today. One who had received a free Bible from us yesterday had the intention to gift it to his grandfather. Today he saw us again and received another free Bible, this time for himself. One of the teams was distributing at a square, and they exercised boldness to walk up to the locals so that they might see Christ. On one occasion, when we said "Bible gratuite" to a lady, her face lit up and she exclaimed: "Bible!" We met with one young man who could manage some English. Using single nouns in French, we asked him to read a verse that we prepared, including reading the footnotes. May the Lord go out with these Bibles to find home in many hearts.

Tonight, for the Bible study, we received four new ones from the current gospel trip, one who was referred to us by a team from another location, and four solid ones from previous gospel trips. The sister who was

just baptized yesterday was praying and enjoying the Word with the saints joyfully. She is also open to having a short Bible reading time with the saints online.

We had a wonderful time reading John 3:1-13, regarding the matter of regeneration, with three from OL4. They felt very comfortable with us and were actively participating with questions and responses. One of them shared that the Bible study is really interesting, and he is now finally clear regarding the matter of baptism in water and in the Spirit. We went around asking everyone to share their experience of receiving God into their lives. Hearing the personal stories from these ones caused us to be filled with praises that the Lord is living, and He reaches many in His personal visitations. May the Lord continue to fill the Bible studies with much growth that He may gain the materials for His own building.

There was a man who was very excited to see our table. He said that just this morning his girlfriend suggested that he should go to the bookstore and find a Bible, then he ran into us. He had lost his mother two years ago. He shared that his mother used to pray a lot, and how he misses her. So, we prayed with him, and he called upon the Lord's name, saying: "O Lord Jesus, help me!" He left his contact information and went on his way looking very joyful.

Another young brother who had met another gospel team two weeks ago came to look for us for an English Recovery Version of the Bible. He shared that he listens to Watchman Nee's messages often and would love to come to the Bible study the next day. He left the table also very happy and praising the Lord as he went on his way.

Tonight, we had Bible study with a local saint's friend. He enjoyed singing with us and pray-reading the verses. At the end he called on Jesus's name and was open and simple toward the Lord.

Today's highlight was an insightful presentation given by a brother. The brother shared how the churches throughout Europe have come together, sharing a common burden for advancing the Lord's work specifically in France. This shows the barriers between the churches in Europe are removed. There is a need to establish a proper testimony in France. There is the oneness of the churches in Europe toward France. I was touched by the brother's speaking that the real burden for this gospel trip is not about how many Bibles we distribute, how many new ones we have, or even how many churches are raised up. The real burden is the preparation of the bride. It is about the Lord doing a special work in us today so that we could be ready for His return.

Two contacts came to the Lord's table meeting this morning. One of them had already joined us during the week for a Bible study. A brother gave an overview of the Morning Revival, and the saints began to prophesy. Then these two contacts stood up during the Lord's table meeting to share! This is the highlight of the day! May the Lord strengthen the local saints in their enjoyment of Him, to be a shining testimony of His Body in this city, and grant the saints the wisdom to shepherd these new ones and other seeking ones. Both new ones are so precious, and may the Lord continue to preserve their hearts to continue to seek after Him and make them useful materials for God's building.

Today we met a woman. She asked us for a Bible. We showed her a verse from the Bible. Then a sister showed her the chapter on calling on the name of the Lord from the booklet "Basic Elements of the Christian Life" (BXL – 1). Within a short time the woman started to weep. She said that she was a Christian, but after her mother died, she lost faith: She couldn't understand why it happened. Then we shared Hebrew 4:15 with her, that we have a High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses. We can just come to Him. Then we invited her to call upon the Lord's name with us. We also invited her to come to our meeting, and she left her contact information. We can feel that she was still eager to have a connection with the Lord. May the Lord comfort her, guard her heart to continue to open to the Lord, and bring her back to the house of God.

We met a local man today cycling past us. He stopped at the table and was happy to see us. He said that during his one and a half hours of cycling he was praying to God and then saw our table. A sister read some verses with him, and he was open to join our Bible study. Praise the Lord for these seeking ones and for His responding to our prayers.

We met a believer who lost her mother and was in great despair. She was asking us about where we meet on Lord's Day. At first I thought maybe she just wanted to know who we are. But when I recall the situation today, I feel that she was like the sheep without a shepherd in Matthew 9. She wants to seek for comfort by coming to listen to the Word of God. How she needs the Lord as the real Shepherd to heal her wounds and bring her back to the flock!

A mother and daughter from Peru approached us. The mother is here to see her son and is considering moving here. She speaks only Spanish, and when she saw that one of our sisters is Spanish-speaking, she was jumping up and down with joy, saying she's been looking for a place to meet with saints and was praying about it. She wept in silence, thanking the Lord. She was so happy to find brothers and sisters in Versailles. She plans come to our harvest meeting tonight. May the Lord gain her and her family!

There was a young man in whose heart the Lord had been doing a lot. He grew up in an atheist family. He was an atheist, but he had friends who were believers and were always preaching the gospel to him and bringing him to church. He was eventually open to read the Bible and prayed to receive the Lord. When he met us, he asked us to baptize him. After a few days he came to a saint's house and was baptized with great joy. It was a time filled with the Lord's glory and brotherly love!

In my travels to France over the past years, I have never seen or experienced the French people being so open, and I realized through the sharing today that this is the testimony of nearly all of the saints who have had contact with the French-speakers. I really had the sense, as the speaking brother shared today, that the Lord is doing a special work in France during this time, and we need to seize the opportunity. Going forward, we should all be deeply impressed that the Lord wants to have a breakthrough in France; therefore, we need to ask Him, Lord what do You want to do in France? We want to be a part of the preparation of the bride. Lord, rekindle our love for You! Lord, we want to follow You!

A lady came to us asking for a Bible. We shared with her John 3:16. She then told us that her parents were Christians, and she prayed at home, but she hadn't attended church in a long time. I asked if she had been baptized, and she said not yet. I told her we would pray for her baptism and asked if she would like to receive eternal life. She said yes. We then went through the MHL, and she prayed and called on the name of Jesus to receive God. The lady left with a smile on her face. She touched the Lord!

My highlight for the Lord's Day was the prophesying of all the saints and the attendance of two new ones. The Lord has revealed that His purpose is for us to enter and possess the good land. To this end, the way is to eat His Word. The sharing from each one was very living and refreshing. In the end one of the new ones also shared something related to his own experience. There was such a rich exhibition of Christ during the prophesying meeting!

In tonight's Bible study meeting, the woman I invited yesterday came, and she was very open to all the saints and what was shared. She is from Cameroon and has lived in Paris for about a year. She is a seeker. We read John 4, and she shared that God knows us better than we know ourselves. God knows everything about us, so we just need to come and confess every situation to Him, and that is what God wants us to do. I was tearing up because the Lord nourished me through her sharing.

Today at the evening meeting a new one came who is very seeking. He was taking notes and asking questions all the time. We gave answers to two questions that are at the core of our Christian faith: The Divine Trinity and the difference between our spirit and the Spirit. After we shared a number of verses, he

said that he had more light on these matters and was looking forward to living a life of being mingled with God, even though he felt that he is so short. We were so encouraged by his seeking heart.

I was very encouraged today by the newer gospel ones at the Bible study. One asked about how to eat the Word of God, and the group talked about praying the verses back to the Lord. In time, the Lord will also give us life experiences that we need to further digest the Word. Another one said that when he sees the saints, he is happy. He makes the effort to come to the Bible study because he finds happiness here.

Today, we met two very open young men, one from Congo and the other from the UK. They were amazed that we had come all the way from another country to Paris for ten days, not for anything else but to distribute Bibles to those seeking the truth. They were deeply encouraged and very appreciative of what we were doing. The man living in London even asked for our address there, as he hopes to stay in touch, so we provided him with the website for the church in London. Thank the Lord that through distributing Bibles here, seekers from all over the world could meet this ministry. It showed me a picture of the verse in Acts "The Word of God grew, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly."

I enjoyed the gathering of all the Paris OL4 teams. The brothers' burden was that for the Lord to gain France, the Lord needs to gain us first. The Lord wants us to rekindle our love for Him. He wants to gain our first love, not just positionally but also as our top portion. Are we able to follow the Lord in our heart, being ready to drop everything? We can pray to the Lord, "When you're walking like in John 21, let me see You and hear Your voice. Please break through in me and let me follow You."

I enjoyed the Bible study group sharing time on John 5 about how religion has ordinances, methods, and ways that replace God Himself. A new one shared that religion couldn't help his grandmother, but Jesus was able to enliven her. I was touched that he had Jesus as such a practical pattern of living and as the life supply to enliven us!

My highlight for yesterday was seeing nine new ones coming to our harvest meeting through our prayer and serving together in one accord. The atmosphere was sweet, and all the new ones were well taken care of. Some of these ones who have come a number of times welcomed other new ones! The sharing on the two spirits was impressive. One said that it is the first time for him to see that there is a difference between the two spirits and that this is helpful for his understanding of the Bible. Another one texted me after the meeting and wanted to have more appointments with me in spite of his busy schedule. Blending and serving together with saints from all over the world for His interest is very satisfying!

#### **Through the Paris Region distributions and gatherings:**

We passed out a total of 982 Bibles, 52 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged contact information with 246. We had appointments with 26 that we met during OL4, 37 appointments with ones from a previous gospel trip, and 65 came to gatherings and 3 were baptized.

#### **Dieppe and Rouen**

A woman who is doing carrier work was very open to talk with us and told us she knows God and reads the Bible. She was asking what church we are and where we meet? She was very happy to come back to meet us the same day in the evening at a cafe around our distribution location. Three sisters met her and had a nice time with her talking about the Lord, the Spirit, and hearing about her past experiences. She said she is so thankful to meet us, and she will come back to us next Tuesday when she is off from work and will attend the upcoming harvest meeting.

We set our table and banner outside a major shopping mall in the afternoon. Many people were coming and going, especially since it is the weekend. Two university students stopped. One was very talkative, and he

told us that he is a Christian and that he has just arrived for school, which starts in September. He is willing to come to the harvest meeting and gave us his contact number so we can contact to him next week and to also arrange for an appointment to meet. The other university student with him received a Bible from us. A young man who was sitting in a wheelchair stopped when two sisters greeted him in French. He took a Bible and an invitation to the harvest meeting, and he was open to talk and willingly left his contact information. A young mother with a baby was very open. One sister took care of the baby for her, and another sister talked with her. She received a Bible and an invitation. A couple of young ones were open and came to the table and talked with the French-speaking sister. They had a long and nice conversation, then they received two Bibles and invitations. A man who just retired was very open to talk when I greeted him. We also had an appointment with him the same day in the evening.

A university student had a long conversation with us, and she told us that she has been studying economics for 5 years. She is a Christian but does not go to any church yet. She also gave her contact number to let us contact her next week to arrange a time to meet. She also will try to come to the harvest meeting. She even asked if she can join a WhatsApp group or meet with us regularly.

Today was another good day on the gospel. At the beginning there were many people at the table, and then it slowed down, so I stood with a sister a little way away from the table and started praying. As we were praying, around five people came and were talking to different saints. Then a sister and I had a feeling to go over by the metro stop, and there we prayed for one contact that would want to meet up and have regular appointments. We then met a lady who was a believer, and we showed her the Bible and we asked if she wanted to keep in touch to meet up. She said she was free only on weekends, like today. So, I said do you want to meet up now or a little later. She had an appointment but said she'd text us when she was done. So, the sister and I met with her, and we read Chapter 1 of BXL-1, MHL, together. It was a very enjoyable time. She had a lot of questions that she wanted answers for. We prayed at the end, and she thanked the Lord for bringing us on her path and prayed that her faith would grow.

Two young ladies who asked for an English Bible on the first day came back to us to receive their English Bible today.

We met two young people that received Bibles from us, and we got their contact information. One of the two young people worked in a local restaurant. The other young person worked in a busy hotel. A brother led this young person to read a prayer. He works a lot at a hotel but despite this, Wednesdays and Thursdays are available for him to come to a meeting.

We met a young person who was delighted to be approached. She could hardly believe that she could receive a free Bible. The language barrier made the conversation quite basic. Despite this her openness was evident.

Two women and one man who received Bibles as well as the MHL booklet are planning to come to the meeting on the Lord's Day.

A visiting one from another city read a footnote from John 3:16, having enjoyed the verse. He took a Bible and an MHL booklet and wanted to meet today. I am hoping he can be connected to the local saints.

Three Bibles were given out to three young people. The language barrier restricted our conversation. Despite this they were excited to receive the Recovery Version Bible (they had never seen a Bible). They took a Bibles for Europe card and were told about available ministry to get help.

A woman came and began to debate with us. But over time she began to soften. Eventually, she gave her life to the Lord Jesus, led in prayer by a local brother. May the faithful One infuse us with His dynamic energy to remain faithful as He is.

A man from Paris received an MHL booklet. He came to the table and met a local brother who explained more in French and will link him to the saints in Paris, where he lives. Having read John 3:16 with me, he further enjoyed the footnote. We exchanged personal contact information. I have invited him to join us tomorrow.

A young sister came to the Lord's Day meeting to join one of the serving sisters. She enjoyed the meeting very much. Her plan is to come again. The sister's number was passed on to maintain the relationship. Our contact with her will be maintained through Google translate. So encouraging, particularly as she enjoyed the singing!

One of the burdens on this trip was to blend with the local saints. One of the sisters on the trip had the opportunity to spend the night at a local sister's house to spend more time with her teenage daughter. It was a sweet time of fellowship not only with the young sister but also with her mum. Praise the Lord for a sweet time of building with the local saints. May He cause them to remain in our hearts and prayers for His going on in Europe.

Each day we were served food physically and spiritually by the serving saints who were smiling, positive, and diligent to keep the oneness. We became built together as a cohesive unit to the extent that the serving saints will forever be on our hearts. Multiple local saints consistently joined us during our times of reading, coordination, fellowship, prayer, and outreach. After one of the gospel times a local brother took us to a local restaurant that he used to work in as a young man; we enjoyed a sweet fellowship time together. We thoroughly enjoyed blending with the local saints. This trip greatly refreshed our view of the Lord's move. One brother said that the trip changed his life regarding his view concerning the Lord's move. We ended the gospel trip with a harvest meeting, where we met more of the local saints and their gospel friends in a pleasant atmosphere of mutuality.

#### Through the Rouen and Dieppe distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 183 Bibles, 10 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged contact information with 25. We had appointments with 4 that we met during OL4 and had 5 appointments with ones from a previous gospel trip.

#### Lille

Today we met a young student. We shared the diagram in the MHL to explain how the Lord passed through a process and became the life-giving Spirit so that He can be in us. We followed our sharing by the prayer in MHL and calling on His name. After the student called on the name of the Lord, his face was full of joy. After his lunch he came back again and wanted to say goodbye. He was a very sweet fresh student.

We met with a young man. What a story of Christ's salvation! His story was so encouraging to us. He takes a verse every morning and it sets the whole day for him. He said that so often the verse is a perfect match for his daily situation. We read Chapter 4 from Basic Elements of the Christian Life Volume 1, BXL -1, "Calling on the Lord." He let it soak into his being and said he would put what he heard into practice. We decided to meet early next week. He is a chef, so we will meet in his restaurant. Hallelujah!

I feel my highlight was our dinner together with the new ones. They were so happy and peaceful and open to us. They lingered and didn't want to leave, and after we left the restaurant we talked even more outside the restaurant. We walked with a couple of them to the train station and said goodbye. I feel they will all continue with us. Their hearts are very warm. Thank You Lord for these precious hungry ones!

I thank the Lord that we had eight new ones who came to enjoy singing and a message on "Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life" this afternoon. Two of them attended the harvest meeting for their third time, and for one of them it was their second time. We met these three on this gospel trip.

It was a wonderful friendly sweet afternoon with new ones. There was no awkwardness, and they were willing to share in our group that God is life! They talked away as if they had known us for a long time.



One said although he was a Christian, he never realized that in John 6:57, “He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me”, referred to Christ as the tree of life and that we each are a Garden of Eden. We are given a choice every day to take Christ as the tree of life.

A new one said she was a Christian and read the Bible but did not realize that God’s Word is Spirit and that we must take the Word in by our spirit to receive life. We showed her how to call on the Lord and pray God’s Word back to Him as the way to eat Him. She called on the Lord’s name with us and was so relaxed and happy, she gave us all a big hug. Lord, we expect to see her again!

We met a young brother who was very warm and open. He thanked us and thought it was very noble that we were giving out free Bibles. He initially did not want one for himself, because he wanted to pay for it and did not want to take it away from someone who really needed it. Later, we shared with him a Bible for Europe article about the Bible as our food. He really enjoyed the article, and we invited him to come to our Lord’s Day afternoon Christian fellowship to hear more, and he came!!! We did not know it at the time, but the message was on taking the way of enjoying Christ as the tree of life and that God put us in front of that tree so that we would take in Christ as our food. We are so glad that he got to hear that, despite man’s fall, God came as a man to be the tree of life that we would eat Him and take God as our source. Hallelujah, God has just one speaking! This young brother enjoyed the meeting so much that he joined us for dinner afterward. He was very happy that he had come today and was very encouraged by the fellowship.

We met a sister who loved the Word of God and was so happy to have an appointment to connect with us again the next day. She was raised in religion and was saved when an international group came to her country and preached the gospel. She endured a lot of persecution from her family when they heard her praying and reading the Word of God. She even changed her name after reading the story of Dorcas in the Bible. She would sneak away to be with other believers to pray and read the Word. She moved to Europe 22 years ago. When she saw us in the square handing out Bibles for free and found out that we had come from all parts of the world, she was amazed and had to come forward to get a Bible. We shared with her about the two trees in the Garden of Eden and how the Lord came as the tree of life to us. She so enjoyed the fellowship, and she immediately agreed to meet with us again, and she would love to sing with us the Word of God!

We had an appointment with a sister. We talked for a while to find out about her situation and then we prayed for her and her family of four children. We went through the first chapter in the Basic Elements of the Christian Life, BXL-1, MHL. I believe she is a genuine believer.

We had an appointment with a young woman who is a freshman in law school. We shared with her the footnotes of John 3:16 and John 10:10-11. She really appreciated the footnotes. She agreed to have another appointment with the sisters.

We had a sweet appointment with a sister. We shared our testimonies about the Lord and read Chapter 1 in BXL – 1, MHL. She appreciated how it made the gospel so clear and was checking all the verse references in her Bible. She would love to meet again with us.

We had a sweet second appointment with a new one. We finished reading BXL–2 with her. She had such a positive response to the lesson on “The Assurance and Joy of Salvation.” Afterward we prayed for her family and the start of her academic year. She shared a personal experience of how the Lord provided the funds for her school year. She will try to come to the Lords Day meeting, and a sister plans to follow up with her and get an appointment with her next week. Lord, keep drawing this one to your economy.

Our time with a new one and her friend at a saint’s house yesterday was very sweet. We were in BXL-2. They both enjoyed this time very much. We talked about how we need to strike our spirit when we read the Word. Then not only are we enlightened, but we also receive the very life of God from the Word. They pray-read with us and called on the name of the Lord. They are so open and really entered into the

enjoyment with us. They were amazed at how far we had come to have that fellowship time with them. Lord, keep them coming; keep them hungry and open. Amen!

#### Through the Lille distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 991 Bibles, 44 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged contact information with 97. We had appointments with 19 that we met during OL4, 20 appointments with ones from a previous gospel trip, and 8 came to gatherings and 3 were baptized.

#### Mertzig (Luxembourg)

We met a young mother who appeared curious about our Bible distribution. She was willing to watch the MHL video together with us, and in response she wept and said, "Jesus answered my prayers tonight." We built a connection with her. She thought she needed to go home and check on her baby, who was with the nanny. However, on her way back to her home, her nanny called and said that she could stay outside longer for a break. Within half an hour she came back and told us, "It was God's leading." She opened and explained how she had moved to Luxembourg from a different country. In her physical move, she also decided to leave Catholicism. The current church she infrequently attends had felt off to her, so yesterday she prayed because she was sad and really needed God. She testified that meeting us was a response to her prayers. We will meet with her over dinner tomorrow.

While a mother with two boys seemed in a hurry, her son pulled her hand in our direction. We asked if her son liked to read the Bible, and she replied that he's always asking her questions about the Bible and God. We then asked her son if he had received the Lord Jesus, and he said no. We asked if he wanted to receive the Lord Jesus now, and he firmly said "yes." After his mom agreed, we began to pray together with the older son. Halfway through the prayer, the younger brother began to pray with us, and to our joy, the mother immediately joined in. She wept many tears of thanks at the end of the prayer. We invited them to the seminar on Tuesday night. Lord, gain this household for Yourself!

A few days ago, as we were getting ready to leave the Bible distribution area, we met a kind municipal agent. During our first conversation we asked him if he believed in God, and he replied, "No, God is not kind to me." After we left, we felt strongly to pray for the healing and softening of his heart. Today the agent came by again to say hello and was open to the saints. We shared the MHL and showed him the Word with footnotes. He received it warmly and listened attentively. However, whenever we offered him a Bible, he politely declined and made a joke. We believe he used humor to mask his suffering and insecurities. At the end of our conversation the agent asked if we would be at the same place tomorrow because he would like to stop by and visit us again. We believe this desire to engage with us reveals his attraction to the gospel and to a community of believers!

A few of us from the team were invited by a bus driver in a passing minicar-bus to take a ride down the street. As we were singing with the Lord, an elderly man came onto the bus. He immediately showed an interest in playing our guitar and joining us in singing. We shared the MHL with him and prayed for him to receive the Lord. He wept with tears upon knowing that the Lord had not forsaken him despite difficult circumstances. A few minutes later an elderly woman entered the bus. She came in the middle of our preaching the gospel to the bus driver. Upon learning that we were fellow believers in the Lord, she immediately joined in with us! The next 15 minutes can only be described as a dynamic testimony of her salvation of her living in darkness and being transferred into the kingdom of the Son of His love! She shared how she received a Bible from her co-worker. He shared with her that this is not a religion but building a relationship with a person! At one point in her search through the Word, she received a divine revelation that the Lord Jesus was her Savior. In response, she told the Lord, "Reveal Yourself more to me!" We can testify that her speaking touched not only the bus driver but also shepherded us and the elderly man. Our experience of the Lord on that bus ride was a genuine experience of entering into the

reality of Ephesians 5:19: "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord." We invited them all to the seminar that evening.

Thank the Lord for the blended labor and shepherding of the Body. Many who met the saints from previous gospel trips attended the seminar, as well as several of the ones we met today. The woman from the bus was pleasantly surprised to see the man from the bus attend the seminar as well. During our small group discussion, we found out that she had crossed paths with a local saint years ago at a ministry meeting. One of the local sisters also remembered her. The Lord is so sovereign in choosing and drawing His loving seekers together. After further fellowship about Mark 16:16 and much prayer, the man from the bus was baptized at a local saint's home. What a victorious Christ we have!

Through the Mertzig distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 246 Bibles, 14 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged contact information with 32. We had appointments with 5 that we met during OL 4, 5 appointments with ones from a previous gospel trip, and 10 came to gatherings and 1 was baptized.

## Photos and Team Prayers:

### Paris Region



## Paris Region, continued



Pray that the Lord may continue to preserve these new ones hearts, to continue to seek after Him and make them the useful materials for God's building.

Pray that some saints and families would be burdened to migrate to France. For ones to have a feeling for the cities in France, that they would seize the opportunity to be part of the Lord's special move.

Pray that the Lord would continue to be the bountiful Supplier that we may be the true shepherds caring for His sheep.

## Mertzig (Luxembourg)



Cover the preaching of the gospel and gain many households  
for your testimony in Luxembourg!

## Rouen and Dieppe



Pray for those who said they would come to the harvest meeting,  
That the Lord would continue to work in their heart and bring them  
back to the Father's house!

## Lille



Pray that the Lord will send more families and shepherds to meet the need here in Lille as there are many new contacts but in need of shepherds. Pray that the burden for short term migration from the saints in Europe to take care of the new ones while waiting for families to migrate to Lille. Pray that the Lord strengthen and supply with sufficient grace for the families in Lille to continue in their shepherding.