Art Sommerville – France May and June

No, I didn't forget you. I did write you a letter, but it was two days before the flames engulfed the Cathedral of Notre Dame and by the time you would have received the letter you would wonder why I didn't mention it. With that and Darlene leaving to visit me here in Paris, I decided to wait and send this update after her return to the States.

Since I know you're wondering what I think about the burning of Notre Dame, I'll start this letter with this subject. It came as a great blessing to the Catholic Church. First of all, many members had stopped going to church because of the sex scandals among the priests. Now, some of them are even being baptized again. Secondly, it became a gold mine because even though the government owns the building and has to pay all the expenses for the repairs, the people have given to the church more than two billion dollars.

And what are we doing here in France?

Recently, we had the visit of Steve Fowler, the American director, and his wife Victoria. While they were here, we went to visit our church in Somain. The Lord really blessed our time there with two souls being saved. We all returned to Paris with a real joy in our hearts. At the present time, as we write this letter, we have 15 students from Bob Jones University, as well as their professor, his wife and children visiting with us. The students have come to perfect their French and will be staying for a month in our Bible school. We are hoping that one or two of them will get the vision of the work here in France and will come back to be a missionary.

I want to thank you again for your prayers for the work here in Paris. We know that Satan is trying to do all he can to stop this work. For years the French had been against the preaching of the gospel, but now they're simply indifferent, which is even worse. We feel that the Lord will do something soon to get their attention. As you know, we are praying for a big building for a church. Paris is divided in two by the river Seine, our present church is on the left bank and we want to have a strong witness for Christ on the right bank where most of the tourist sites are, including the famous Champs Elysées and the presidential Palace. The big problem is the price of a building there, for they are much more expensive than on the left Bank. The Lord has said the world is mine and all that is therein. Nothing is impossible with God.

May God bless you all. Arthur Sommerville



Our Elders are prepared to answer your questions regarding the MBC Evangelical Free affiliation. Please see one of them prior to our Annual EFCA Congregational Meeting July 28th!

Fusion Chicago Trip ~ There will be a Senior High missions meeting at church tomorrow night, Monday, July 1st at 6:00 pm in the Nehemiah Center. This is an informational meeting for all Fusion students interested in going on the urban mission trip to Chicago in August.

<u>Ignite Service Project</u> ~ Middle School Students going into 6th-8th Grades. Helping Parks & Rec. with the Carnival Games on Thursday, July 4th from 2 – 4:00 pm. Meet at Twining Park near the Bandshell. Pick up a permission slip at the Welcome Center. Contact Chris or Elise Morris for additional details, 608-968-1318.

Guatemala Mission Trip ~ Everyone is invited to come and pray for our Mission Team at 7:00 am this **Saturday**, **July 6**th at MBC before the team leaves. The team will be leaving at 7:30 am, they'll return home on Saturday, July 13th. Pastor Dan will stay longer in Guatemala teaching the Pathways training through Friday, July 19th.

Primetimers bus trip to Oshkosh to visit Ray & Becky Jones is Tuesday, July 9th. We'll be leaving MBC at 8:15 am and returning sometime after 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Cost of the trip is \$16 per person, payable to Deb Hendrickson by July 9th.



Sign up for the Brewer Game at the Welcome Center. The Brewers will play the Atlanta Braves at 1 pm on Wednesday, July 17th. We'll be carpooling from church at 8:30 am and tailgating before the game. Cost is \$21 per person. Please see Bernie Roidt if you have questions.

Women's Summer Bible Study ~ It's Not Supposed to be This Way by Lysa Terkeurst will begin July 17th at 6:30 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if interested. Participants will need to purchase their own books and workbooks before class starts. Contact Helen Tuttle 608-473-2951 or Jenn Chladil 608-636-4852 with questions.

<u>Library</u> ~ The library is having a <u>summer reading program</u> every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3 pm, through July 23rd. Come join us!



Interested in going to Israel? ~ See the proposed 9-Day Trip to Israel being offered to Monroe Bible Church for April 20-28, 2020 at the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Dan if you are interested.

Parent Training Workshop ~ Family: From Chaos to Purpose Workshop. You're invited! Tonight, June 30th, from 6 – 8 pm at Resonate Church (2707 Bond Place, Janesville, WI). Come join us as we learn to be a family on mission, a family that moves from chaos to purpose. Childcare is provided, we ask for a small donation to cover snacks and activities. Admission to the event will be \$5 per couple.



Sunday, July 7

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Lost & Found ~ NC Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm - 4 pm, NC (1 pm set-up) No Next Steps-Step 4 (Canceled)

Monday, July 8

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, July 9

Primetimers bus trip to Oshkosh ~ 8:15 am Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC

Thursday, July 11

Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #101

NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, July 12

Iglesia Worship Prac. ~ 5 pm. NC Team B - 7:30 pm, East Team A Ump - 7:30 pm, East Team A - 8:30 pm, East Team C Ump - 8:30 pm, East Team A - 9:30 pm, East Team C Ump - 9:30 pm, East

Saturday, July 13

Guatemala Mission Team returns home

Sunday, July 14

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm - 4 pm, NC (1 pm set-up)

Wednesday, July 17

Brewers Game ~ leaving MBC 8:30 am VBS Leader's Mtg. ~ 9 am, NC Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC Women's Study ~ 6:30-8:30 pm, NC

Thursday, July 18

VBS: Prayer & hand out invites ~ 4:30 pm

Friday, July 19

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Iglesia Worship Prac. ~ 5 pm, NC

Week of June 30 - July 6

Today, Sunday, June 30

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2 pm – 4 pm, NC (1 pm set-up)

Monday, July 1

Fusion Chicago Trip Mtg. ~ 6:00 pm, NC

Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, July 2

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Library Reading Program ~ 2-3 pm, NC

Thursday, July 4th



MBC Office Closed
Ignite Service Project Twining Park
Carnival Games ~ 2 - 4 pm,
(permission slips at Welcome Center)
Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm,
LL #101
NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, July 5

Iglesia Worship Prac. ~ 5 pm, NC Team C – 7:30 pm, East Team B – 9:30 pm, West

Saturday, July 6

No Men's Breakfast
Guatemala Trip Prayer ~ 7:00 am
Guatemala Team leaves for short-term
mission trip at 7:30 am, returning
June 13th

Prayer Focus – Greeting Ministry Kathy Markham, Ministry Leader Please Pray:

- 1. Thank you to all who serve in the greeting ministry. You are very much appreciated and a blessing to many.
- We always welcome anyone, of any age, to become involved in this ministry. It's a great way to get to know and meet people. Please contact me if you are interested in being added to the schedule.

Entire Bible	Family Plan
Ezek 4-8, Song of Sol 1, 1 Peter 4	I Timothy 3
Ezek 9-12, Song of Sol 2, 1 Peter 5	I Timothy 4:6-16
Ezek 13-15, Song of Sol 3, Heb 1	Titus 2:11-3:11
Ezek 16, Song of Sol 4, Heb 2	1 Peter 1
Ezek 17-19, Song of Sol 5, Heb 3	1 Peter 2:21-25, 3:18
Ezek 20-21, Song of Sol 6, Heb 4	



This Week New City Catechism: Part 2, Question 41

Shane & Kara Schulte would like to invite everyone to the Graduation Party in honor of their son,

Devan Schulte,

Today, June 30th

at the Browntown Civic Center, 107 S. Mill Street in Browntown, between 1 pm - 5 pm.

Please see Devan's invitation on the plexi-board in the foyer.

