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Certainty in times of uncertainty

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We are all living in times of uncertainty. Coronavirus has and is still having a huge effect on everyone in the world. Our response to this can naturally be one of fear and anxiety. The future can seem so unknown. While reflecting on what to write I came across the words of Psalm 56 "When I am afraid I put my trust in you."

This brings up back to the reassurance which comes from trusting in our God, who knows all situations. We are writing this from the UK - we are staying on longer than originally planned as Jackie's mum remains very unwell, and are thankful that while things look uncertain at the moment, we can continue to trust God in each moment.

We continue to learn french face-to-face and sometimes mask-to-mask. Pictured is a socially distant lesson which involved making a quiche and practicing some new conjugations and replacement words to describe the process. Partly due to progress and the difficulties of COVID 19, we are now looking to arrive in Chad in January 2021. This has been a bit of a disappointment if we are honest, but after discussion with our language school and our team leader at BMS, we are sure that it is the right course of action. We are desperate to get to Chad, connect with our team at Guinebor 2 Hospital and start serving God using the skills he has given us.

We have had the opportunity to undertake a two day online course on COVID 19 and its effect on resource poor countries through the Christian Medical Fellowship. This was a really useful course, looking at a Christian medical response in countries that have less resources than most western countries. The focus of giving people hope, dignity and respect was a central theme, demonstrating physical emotion and spiritual care.



We have now completed our summer term at language school. We have been able return to the UK just before the two week quarantine was imposed on arrivals from France.

As well as spending time with Jackie's mum and dad, we have also been able to meet up with Brian's parents and our children, which has been a blessing- we had a great meet up with Sam and his girlfriend Steph at the Tramway Museum in Derbyshire, here we are posing by an old police box!



We have also been sharing in the joy of our missionary friends who have now started to be able to enter their respective countries. There have been clear answers to prayer in these situations with visas granted and flights booked.

A good friend is now in Togo teaching. Another is due to leave for Chad in September to teach, and yet another is ready to leave for Niger.

Living in France, despite being considered to be a similar western culture to our own, and then returning to the UK makes you aware of cultural differences and differing attitudes that exist. Talking with people from many cultures at the language school over the last months has made us question how being brought up in the UK has affected our attitudes and expectations in life. It has also given us an insight of how other people view the UK and the British! Few things make you more

self aware than living in community with those from different cultures. However, sharing fellowship with Christians from so many countries is an astonishing blessing. We share a precious common understanding; that despite our cultural differences, we are all made in the image of God and we are all called to the same Kingdom purpose.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the coronavirus.

Please pray for Jackie's mum at this time as she remains very unwell and for her Dad.

Please pray we may be able to continue to learn French well in light of our current circumstances.

Please pray for Les Cèdres - as we return to our language school where our class is currently the only class physically in the school (the new intake will be virtual at the start of the new term).

Please pray as we make our plans for moving to Chad.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support at this time. For the prayers we have received and support, kindness and care given to us.

To the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is in us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations' for ever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21.

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