

THE TEMPLE FAMILY

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In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:10

Le prochain chapitre commence!

Or as we would say in English, the next chapter begins! In case you missed it, this past August we accepted an invitation to lead a new AGWM initiative in the French Antilles and French Guiana. This new assignment is bringing us through various transitions, and we appreciate your prayers for our family as we navigate this season.



Pray For Peace in the midst of Unrest



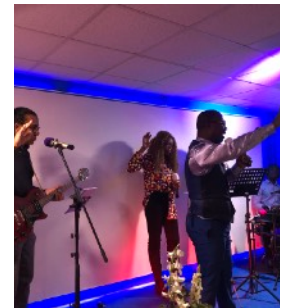
A barricade blocks the road leading to the airport, in Fort-De-France, Martinique on November 24, 2021. © Ricardo Arduengo, Reuters (archives)

For months, protests have taken place in opposition to Covid vaccine mandates. Last week the **protests turned violent**, with road blocks, burning, looting and attacks on police in the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique where many homes and businesses have been destroyed. French special forces were sent from Paris to quell the violence and for now, the decision has been made to postpone the mandates.

With high unemployment and economic disparity many people feel abandoned by the government. The mandates have brought long-standing grievances and distrust between these overseas territories and mainland France to a boiling point. **Pray for peace to be restored** and opened doors for the Church to share God's love during these moments.

Covid, a Delayed Trip to France and Divine Connections

After finishing itineration in September, Joel planned to return to France to close things down in October and was forced to delay the trip due to a bout with Covid. Many of you were praying for us during that time and we appreciated all the words of encouragement. Even in the middle of the sickness and delay, we can see God working out his plans. While rescheduling, Joel was able to reconnect with Pastor Padoue and the AVEC International Church whom we helped to launch out of The Bridge. This connection provided a great time of fellowship, ministry and help from friends who went above and beyond. We are grateful for the connections we have in France and will continue to have throughout the years to come.



Moving Forward

Travel during this time of covid can be challenging, however, Joel is planning to travel and meet with church leaders in French Guiana and possibly another territory to begin relationships and assess the needs to move the work forward. Pray for divine appointments and for a productive first in-person meeting and for protection and favor during the various travels.

As always, **thank you so much** for your prayers and financial support! We are honored to be on this journey with you and can't wait to see what God does in this next chapter. Let us know how we can pray for you!

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