## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

February 2021



Dear Friends, we pray that this year finds you doing well. Thank you so much for your partnership during this time. We really are overwhelmed by the love and support we receive from so many!

**Important prayer request:** Some very important developments are happening within the legislative branches of France. Recently, a new 459 page bill was introduced to combat the problem of muslim-separatism. Unfortunately, the many nuisances of this law could impact our ministry as well as churches throughout the entire nation.

If you would like to read more in depth on the different aspects of the law, an article from Christianity Today gives a good overview of what is going on. You can reach the article by <u>clicking on this link</u>. The link will also be posted on our private Facebook group, Temples in France. If you are not part of this group, let me know so that we can add you.

A missionary friend who has been in France for about 15 years, highlighted 5 aspects of the law that could directly impact our ministries and churches. Unfortunately 4 of these 5 listed below have already passed and will eventually become law. The last one being debated is the one concerning "hate speech" and how it will be defined.

- Churches will have to reregister every five years.
- Officials will monitor sermons for hate speech.
- Homeschooling will not be permitted for religious reasons.
- Declarations of foreign funding will include missionary staff.
- Religious leaders cannot be educated outside of France.





## **Prayer Focus**

- **New French Law:** Pray that some of these aspects can be reevaluated and eventually turned around. Also, pray for the church and it's people to be encouraged and led of the Spirit as they navigate this developing situation.
- French Resident Permits: As you know we have been trying to renew our french residence permits and as of now, it looks like we may have lost chance to renew and eventually receive long term permits. We are not sure the best path forward and are asking the Lord to give us wisdom in this process.

## Thank you for supporting our mission to France

These have been some very challenging and uncertain times for many us during this pandemic.

**For all of you** who have prayed, given, increased monthly support or shared words of encouragement, we want to say a huge **Thank You!** We trust God has a timing and a plan for us, and we are grateful to be on this journey with you.

Monthly Commitments needed = \$850

If you would like partner with us or know someone who may be interested, please let us know.

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