

## June 2015 France, Videos, Honduras

### FRANCE

We're pleased to tell you that the work and interest here continues, although those baptized are under huge pressure from their former churches and associates. There is great upset that some have accepted our position that there is no personal devil and demons 'out there'. The logic is quite bizarre- to be a true Christian, according to their pastors, one must believe in Satan as a personal being. And if you deny this, and deny there are demons buzzing around, then you're not a Christian. Our days here are full of doctrinal discussion and meetings, with endless feedings of rice and stew, and also getting out to distribute food and clothing. We've had John & Erica Galbraith and Roy & Maureen Marshall visiting, the Marshalls brought a huge amount of clothing from the UK. Special thanks to Elaine Smith and others who gathered so much together.

Here are some of the clothes being delivered to a needy sister:



Most of the folks we are engaging with have no documents nor work permits, having been refused asylum by the French Govt., they are unable to return home as they have no documents or money. Many turn to crime, others turn intensely to God and seek to know Him. Those already baptized invite their friends and contacts to come to our place where we feed them and teach them more. We are also doing fresh outreach work in the center of Melun, approaching folks on the street with New Testaments and asking if they'd like one, seeking to engage them in conversation before giving them one. And we have met some wonderful people who are really searching for a real relationship with God.

We were pleased this week to baptize IVA, a woman originally from Ghana who has now been 6 months without work- and by work we refer of course to illegal work, as she has no work permit or documents. She has no possibility of returning home, as she has no documents. And instead of turning to crime she has fervently decided to focus upon God. After her baptism she returned with food and clothes as well. Here she is saying goodbye to brother Roy, dressed completely in clothes we'd given her:



Being without documents and effectively non-persons, access to health care is effectively off limits to these dear folks. Here's brother Victor with a deep cut sustained while doing his cleaning job which was still bleeding profusely; Cindy was able to fix it up better for him:



We've been unable to find any public meeting place in the area, but the plan is that the one brother who has an apartment will let the others gather there after we leave and vacate the rental home we're currently feeding and meeting in. They are certainly keen to meet together, thrilled with having come to the same truths and having passed through a similar path of immigration problems and disillusion with manipulative and exploitative churches. Strangely, the doctrinal area that is of most interest to them is our message that demons and a personal

devil don't exist; and we must take responsibility for our actions. Our focus is upon encouraging spiritual mindedness as the essence of the life in Christ, and seeing all the hard blows in life as part of a wider purpose being allowed by a God of love and His Son, whose experience of our nature enables Him to empathize with the rejected. After standing outside the central station in Melun, we often retire for conversations with folks to the cafe opposite. We made a couple of videos- with all the background noise of a French railway station cafe. They record how someone figured that if Christianity is all about self control, then there can be no place for a Satan who makes us sin against our will. And he speaks of how he got no answer when he raised this point in a church. He reasons through how the serpent in Eden was not Satan, and it's wonderful how it all comes together. The other is of brother Kingsley powerfully speaking of how there are no demons out there, God is all powerful, and we must take responsibility for our actions instead of blaming demons. It's a great from an African to other Africans, many of whom believe in demons. You can so far view one of them at [https://youtu.be/behlmsJB\\_sk](https://youtu.be/behlmsJB_sk)

Here's our brother in the cafe with his Bible, chatting about the relief of knowing that Satan and demons [in their widely believed form] don't exist:



Standing on the street offering New Testaments seems the way to go; folk are more likely to talk than going door to door. Then inviting contacts back to a home, having a meal, and discussing further... introducing them to other believers from a similar background... this really seems an effective method in the immigrant areas of Western cities.

We've mentioned over the last couple of years the family of br Edgar and sister Anni. They were Jehovah's Witnesses in Armenia, and therefore Edgar didn't do his army service, and fled to France to appeal for asylum. They are great Bible students and saw through the JWs. They so love the Truth. They lived in a tiny room of about 10 square meters, with their 2 young children. Now they have been granted asylum, and also we were able to help them move finally into a far better apartment. Edgar was a video producer and has produced a number of movies for us, especially "*The Real Devil*". We shot much footage about demons and tongue speaking, and Edgar is now working on producing them. Here they are just before the breaking of bread:



## VIDEOS

We've produced very brief videos to accompany each of the 11 chapters of *Bible Basics*, lasting from 2 to 4 minutes. For so many these days, all they have is a smartphone and their serious attention span isn't even 5 minutes. We're attempting by all means to get across to them, hoping that these brief presentations of Bible truth will encourage them to read and study further.

You can view them on the "*Bible Basics*" playlist on our *Carelinks Ministries* YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPhDmR\\_yz5TQVLUMUYNIKmivBI9g4](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPhDmR_yz5TQVLUMUYNIKmivBI9g4)

## HONDURAS

Br Josh & Sis Heidi baptized a couple near to them in Florida, who first contacted us from the internet, having learned the Truth online. Now, this couple are in turn taking the Truth to Honduras. We were so encouraged by the following message:

*"I wanted to say hello to you from Honduras. I am visiting Gerardo's family by myself. I have been here since the 3rd of June and will return, Lord willing, to Florida on the 17th. I was able to bring the **Bible Basics** in Spanish and give them out along with some other Spanish literature. There seems to be a great opportunity with people wanting to know more. I am wondering if it would be no trouble if you could have someone please send us more Spanish **Bible Basics** in Florida. Gerardo's mom will come back with me for a visit for 2 months, and she can take back with her. Gerardo's brothers are pretty far along with their studies and are attending to issues that need cleared up. Ronald is reading the **Real Devil** book and Anuar is working out a domestic situation. But, they are willing to keep studying for baptism and share the message with family, friends and strangers. There is so much more to say about all that is happening, but God is doing amazing things in the hearts of people here. Love in Christ, Gwen"*

So all the work in producing literature and all the expense of publishing it is paying off. Please do continue donating so that we can continue getting the word out worldwide.

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the spread of the Gospel in Honduras
- For our brothers and sisters in France who have no chance to get back to Africa and are rather stuck where they are
- For our new sister Iva
- Thanksgiving that some like Edgar and Anni are finally getting to a more normal life.

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**