

Messengers of Peace

Francois and Nathalie Gendron

Our daughter's wedding

Hello

I, Nathalie, hope everyone had a nice summer and enjoyed some restful and precious time with family and friends.

For us, August was one of the greatest time of our lives. We celebrated our daughter Kim's wedding. A few years ago, at Pacific Bible College in Surrey, British Columbia, she met a young man, Chris, and they fell in love. Last Christmas, Chris

proposed and they both agreed to get married in France.

For this event, we had the pleasure of receiving my family from Canada for a visit. You cannot imagine how wonderful it was to see them. Our nieces and nephews had grown so much since the last time we had seen them. We have been living in France for over 10 years now, but with our tight budget, we were able to visit our families in Canada only once. Now, it

was the turn of my dad (78 years old) and my mom (74) with my sisters, brother and their family to come. We hosted between 12 and 20 people almost every day during 2 weeks and a half. I was amazed by the grace that covered us during these days. It was fabulous! My family, who is not Christian except for my sister Stephanie, came to one of our Sunday service and was moved by it. It was the first time that my parents and siblings heard me preach.



Nathalie is preaching to many unbelievers.

The Queen of Sheba's visit

The wedding was an exciting preparation. It had to be bilingual since Chris and his family are English Canadians and our family and friends are French speakers. It was an excellent opportunity to allow my family, and the people we have evangelized over the years, to meet a living Church. A wedding is such an incredible object lesson and tool since it represents the love covenant between Christ and the Church. My desire was that each guest would come to see the splendor of the "Church" and the glory of the Lord through different parts of the wedding.

You know the story of the queen of Sheba : The queen heard about the

fame of the Lord and spent a lot of money and time to come and visit Him. It is written that *"when the queen saw the wisdom of Solomon, as well as the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, the cupbearers in their robes and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed."* 2 Chro 9:3-4 With this objective in mind, we prayed and got ready for the "big day". Of course, we are not Solomon, we could not depend on our finances, workers nor resources ; they are too limited. But Solomon is a type of Jesus, our King, and we are his servants or officials.

So we were trusting Him that He would show His wisdom and glory to our guests. We have learned through the years on the mission field to never walk by sight but by faith if you want to accomplish something. So when the Lord blessed us with a beautiful church building for that day, we knew that He would "paint a masterpiece" and all we had to do was work with Him. We had many things to prepare: the ceremony, the cocktail, the dinner and its organization, plus the meals for two weeks, housing and tours for the families and friends (30 altogether) coming from many countries during these weeks.



Francois is bringing his daughter to his future son-in-law.

They will never be the same

I believe that the Lord and the Church succeeded! My family, the unbelievers coming from different nations, the groom, and the guests, all came to tell us how much the ceremony and the dinner were the best they had ever seen. They **were overwhelmed** by the splendor of the Church in action; our position; our relationship with the Lord; the garments of praise of the worshippers; the crown of beauty of the servants; the goodness of the food they ate through the Word of God; and the offering of our love. I know for sure that this day will ever be engraved in their heart, for the Lord showed His wisdom and glory.

Our daughter and son-in-law have left to live in British Columbia, Canada. My family and our friends have also gone back to their countries, they never will be the same. They heard the gospel, were touched by the Holy Spirit, amazed by the Lord, loved by the Father, welcomed by the Church. I am a very happy and grateful woman for all that the Lord has done for us.
Praise the Lord!
Nathalie



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Eve is dancing to the song "At the Cross" by Darlene Zschech.

Prayer requests

WISDOM for planning 2009/10

Transition time... Bad or Good News.

Francois lost his land surveyor job last month. It means that our finances will drop drastically in October. With this news, we could not afford to send Joseph back to his cinema school in Paris. On the other hand, it means that Francois and Joseph are now working full time for the ministry. They are happy about this and have a lot of projects for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The needs in France are big. We have ideas, projects and opportunities. September is a month for praying, planning and clarifying our mission statement and vision for the years to come.

Please pray that in the midst of adversity it will be a great opportunity for our ministry.

Please pray for an increase of our monthly support. (We would prefer not to wait another 5 years to visit Kim or our family in Canada.)

We took a step of faith in signing up for the Gateway convention in St-Louis (October 5-7, 2009). I read today in Proverbs 4:7 "*Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor.*" I am sure that we will be encouraged by the speakers and the gathering. We are excited at the thought of seeing many of you there and getting to meet new people.



On the steps of the church in Lingolsheim, France.