

Marseilles Mission Memo

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Christians on Mission (CEM) Celebrates 20th Anniversary



Christians on Mission's Twenty-Year Alumni Reunion

When, in 1997, the project for a one-year French Bible school and spiritual internship was conceived by the Marseille Mission Team, it was quite a gamble. The local church planting had not yet reached viability; and at the time we as yet had no students enrolled for the first class of 1998. But we were convinced that without a steady influx of trained and zealous young people, the chances for the survival of the French Churches of Christ were bleak indeed.

Twenty years later, the fruits that the Lord has produced from these inauspicious beginnings are there for all to see and to rejoice in. From 1998 to 2018, close to one hundred students have graduated from CEM, infusing new life into a movement in deep decline. Over a dozen of our alumni went on to further training in ministry and now serve churches or mission outposts in several different French-speaking countries.

As important as our beloved students of CEM have been to the progress of the Gospel in France, and especially to the growth of the local Marseille church, they have been an even greater source of blessing and fulfillment to Prisca and myself as missionaries. I do not know if we could have held on these many years without them. It is like having one hundred sons and daughters.

From July 1 to July 8, over half of our alumni, along with former teachers, met with their families for a week-long "CEM Twentieth Anniversary Special Summer Session." Being CEM, the affair was not just a celebration, but a mission: Bible classes, outreach and service ministries, evangelization, and the obligatory 20th Anniversary Gospel concert attended by a standing room only audience.

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CEM Graduating Class of 2018



CEM 20th Anniversary Gospel Concert

Harmony Bible Camp 2018 : *Pilgrim's Progress*

One hundred and twenty young people from 7 to 17 years of age attended two weeks of Bible camp in July at Bonnefoi Retreat Center. They followed the daily adventures of Christian (in our case it was *Christiane*),

the hero(ine) of John Bunyan's classic devotional novel as she made her way over the Narrow Way leading to the Heavenly City. One of the older teens from Marseille was baptized during camp.

Je suis le chemin, la vérité et la vie. Personne ne vient au Père sans passer par moi. – Jean 14.6



(Above): 2018 Bible Camp Logo

(Below): Interpreter gives advice to pilgrim Christiane

