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Overheard in Church this week: "I just can't think of France as a place that needs missionaries." Can we assume that people who live in major cities have their name written in the Book of Life? No! For every 200 people in France, there is only one born again believer. 24 out of 25 towns have NO evangelical church.



But, how did France become so spiritually destitute—it was once a Christian nation, wasn't it? Yes, it was! But centuries of religious persecution, revolutions, and fear of cults eroded faith in France.



About 25% of the French place their faith in astrology and mediums. Michael, like many French people, turned to the occult, astrology and divination. Finally, a faithful old friend convinced him to turn to Jesus. Now, he says, "Together we can bring a message of hope to people...who are wounded by life, and tell them that our ordinary lives of suffering and tears, Jesus makes them extraordinary."
This is the message most people in France have never heard!

So how can we reach the French? Every way we can—from planting churches to building relationships to Internet television; making the most of every opportunity. (Eph. 5:15,16)



One new believer tells of his conversion: "One day an old friend started talking to me about Jesus, but I didn't want to hear it. **Still, I accepted his invitation to dinner.**" We invite people to dinner, and invite people to come to Jesus. Because of faithful friends who support us, we can be faithful friends to those who have never heard of hope in the Lord Jesus. And those who believe can show others the way...



The chickens and cows decided to thank their farmer with a nice breakfast. As they discussed the menu, the chickens suggested steak and eggs. Looking at their eggs and pleased with their contribution, the chicken said, "now that was a sacrifice!" The cows turned to the chickens and said, "Yes, for you it is a sacrifice. But for us it is a total commitment!" We have determined to make a total commitment to serve God in France. Will you help us in this work? We can't do it without you!

We are close to raising our budget, but we are running out of time. We are desperately needed in France! We only need 24 more monthly commitments. Would you help us raise this last amount by making a monthly commitment today? A commitment of any amount will be a tremendous blessing to us. Partnering together, we will see lives changed for eternity. To make a commitment, fill out the form on the back of this letter or visit our website at www.sendthefire.org and click the "pledge" button at the top of the page.

