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Terry Morse Family, Missionaries to Alpine France

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Dear Friends,

We have several prayer requests. One concerns Robert Leard, a man from a village not far from us that visited several times recently. He stayed for dinner, and told us he had been a Catholic priest here in the valley but quit the church many years ago. Ten years ago, he was saved in a meeting in Switzerland. He is very vocal about his faith, about 65, but still works three days a week in Grenoble, where his church is, a "Full Gospel Church" I believe. He is interested in the work here, and we surely could use another dedicated Christian, and, though he is careful when talking to Catholics, he has a very low opinion of the Catholic System. Rightly so. He says that for years he assisted in the "Black Mass" (His words!) and that he, unknowingly, served Satan. Strong words. The highest ranking priest here in the valley, a priest named Defour, was recently jailed for sexually molesting children. In fact, one boy, molested when younger by him, committed suicide a year ago. It was that event that brought his crimes to the forefront. This is the same priest that "kicked" me out of his church, the Cathedral at St. Jean, several years ago. I and the girls went to a Gospel Concert to listen to a group of black singers from New York and after the concert, held in the Cathedral, I passed out a few tracts. (The concert was in English, by the way. And the people loved it. They didn't understand it or the words, though.) Defour was given one of the tracts and he confronted me with it, and told me to get out of his church... I have met six priests here in our valley: one on his deathbed, to whom I gave a tract, another in Aiguebelle during a Bible Study which I was invited to attend, and several up the valley. Three of these, the ones in charge, immediately distrusted me. It was as clear as the nose on your face. One was the Bishop from our capital, Chambéry, and another the



The Morses (L-R) Tawnya, Tiera, Tirezah, Terry, Tobijah, and Tami

priest in a village up the valley where I wished to show the Jesus Film. I had to go to him because the mayor of the town said the Catholic Church had the only meeting hall where the film could be presented. He too, told me to get out of his house, and was angry with me right away.

Well, there are two forces in this world. I know which side I am on, and that leaves little doubt on which side these priests find themselves. Robert said he served the devil when he was a priest. What do you think? There might be a few saved in the Catholic Church, but very few.

Robert asked me "If they are saved, why do they stay in the Church?" A good question. Thus, we desire your prayers for our valley, that Jesus would bind the devil and his forces, and that we would be a light to a dark place.

Another prayer request: We have been given permission to have a church service Sundays at 3 p.m. in Modane. We have two couples that want to come, perhaps a third. This will be once a month, with the intention of establishing a church there in the future. Modane starts the high valley, and the devil is even stronger there. There are healers there, and the people are very superstitious, too. Stories about the devil abound. Jacky, who has one year of Bible School left, wants to work in Modane. So the Lord has already given us a young man to help with the work. Please pray for this as well.

We need your fervent prayers in order to be an influence for Christ here in the Alps. Prayer is the key. THANK YOU!!!

Serving Him, with you, in the Maurienne Valley,

Terry Morse + Family



GOD'S SCHOOL

Job 36:10, 22

Every God-called Pastor recognizes the importance of feeding his flock good food in order to grow spiritually mature Christians. Our Tuesday and Wednesday Bible study classes were started in order to help our members grow and become better students of the Scriptures. We must realize as God's children that we are "enrolled for life" in God's school. To understand it by faith is to take hold of an insight that will illuminate all of life's varied experiences. "In God's school", wrote Samuel Logan Brengle, "we learn through the heart rather than the head, and by faith rather than by logic or human reason." In God's school there are some definite goals through God's instruction of His children in education with a purpose.

God's Divine Purpose is two fold: First, the purpose of God in our education is conformity to the image of his blessed Son. He is ever seeking to make His children like his Son. The Apostle Paul teaches us in Romans 8:29 that God has predestinated those whom He foreknew to be "conformed to the image of His Son."

Secondly, the purpose of God in our education includes our maturity in Christ. As an assistant teacher in God's school of grace, Paul made the goal of his teaching to "present every man perfect" (or mature) "in Jesus Christ" (Col. 1:28).

As your Pastor, this is my goal, to grow a mature church that will magnify and glorify our wonderful Savior. May God richly bless us with a hunger and desire to grow up in Christ.

— Pastor Jay Frazier



RESTING IN THE

BY SHARON JAYNES

A few years ago I fell in love with a beach cottage named "Barb's Folly." I adored the designer beach décor of stripes and floral prints, the screened-in porch that spanned the back of the house, the inviting dark-green rocking chairs, and the weather-worn dock jutting out over the lazy canal. As if imported from England, a six-foot square of grass was nestled in one corner of the white picket fence in the back, with blooming myrtle bushes, a weathered bench and a cozy birdhouse. In the other corner of the yard, the owners had transplanted a palm tree, just a few inches from the second story screened in, wrap-around porch.

On our first night there, we rocked on the porch and watched the fireflies dance under the moonlight on the canal. At one point, a moonbeam fell across the palm tree and I noticed something stir. When I moved closer, I discovered a turtledove had built her nest at the top of the thatched tree trunk, where the palm branches spouted upward. Because we were on the second story, we were at eye level with Mrs. Turtle Dove. When I moved closer to her, she didn't budge, but sat steadfast in her perch.

Early the next morning, I went on the porch to spend some time with the Lord and Mrs. Turtle Dove was there to greet me. I rocked. She watched. Our eyes locked. We both blinked. Then, around 8:30, Mr. Turtle Dove flew in and perched on the stair railing. They exchanged coos and after a few moments, he flew over to the nest. When she stood up to welcome him, I notice two tiny eggs peeking out from under the stubble. It seems this was Mother's Morning Out. She flew away and Daddy bird took over the incubation of the offspring for his ladylove. After a brief time, she returned and Daddy bird went off to work for the rest of the day.

During our entire vacation, the momma dove did one thing and one thing only: she rested in the palm, warming and protecting her two tiny charges. On the afternoon when a violent storm blew through with loud claps of thunder, crackling flashes of lightning and pelting sheets of rain, she just sat there, resting in the palm, undaunted by the storm. When children



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ran up and down the stairs inches from her nest, she just sat there unalarmed by the activity. While other birds such as cranes, pelicans and seagulls performed great feats swooping gracefully into the water to retrieve their catch of the day, she just sat there, undeterred from her calling.

On the last morning of our vacation, I was having a final cup of coffee on the back porch. It was just God and me and Mrs. Turtle Dove, staring, blinking and wondering. I believe God puts various situations in front of us for a reason. “God,” I asked, “what do you want me to learn from watching this mother bird this week? I believe you put her and me together for a reason.”

Then He spoke to my heart. It was contentment. I was watching a picture of contentment in fulfilling God’s call. The contentment of a mother doing what God had fashioned her to do during this period of her life. Regardless of the storms, regardless of what other more seemingly important birds were doing around her, regardless of the endless stream of activity passing by her nest, she was unmoved from her calling.

“Is that it, Lord? Is that what you’re showing me?” Just as I prayed those words, Mr. Turtle Dove came in for his daily visit. When his lady dove stood up to fly away and I notice a piece of eggshell attached to her leg. I pecked in the nest and there lay two tiny downy hatchlings. The eggs had hatched and it was as if God was saying to me, “Yes, Sharon. That’s it. This has been my gift to you this week. You have seen a contented mother and the results of her commitment. You do what I’ve called you to do. Rest in the palm of My hand. Don’t get distracted by the world and all the activity going on around you. Be undaunted by the storms. Be relentless in your call. And in due time, I will cause your ‘eggs to hatch’ and, all too soon, they will leave the nest.”



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Birthdays and ANNIVERSARIES

January

- 2...Jonathan Randall, Joshua Randall
- 4...Donna Lowery
- 9...Connie Perry
- 14...Ron Gaver
- 15...Doreen Belflower, Tom Dotson
- 16...Mable Gressett
- 23...Gary Belflower
- 27...Pastor Frazier
- 21...Sammy Lowery

February

- 2...Bob & Irene Sexton (*anniv.*)
- 3...Carol Almond
- 10...Bruce Randall
- 11...Linda Anderson
- 12...Michael Glazier
- 14...Wayne Noble
- 16...Jennifer Steiner
- 18...Janet Johnson, Jessica Morrison
- 22...Sharon Gaver
- 22...Gary & Judy Hamilton (*anniv.*)
- 24...Donna Walker

March

- 1...Anna Morrison, Georgia Martin
- 9...Austin Lowery
- 30...Irene Sexton

REVIVAL

MARCH 21-24



Mark your calendars and make plans not to miss our upcoming REVIVAL with **Evangelist Dean McNeese**, Sunday – Wednesday, **March 21-24**. Invite someone now to hear this dynamic preacher as he brings us God's Word. Don't miss it!

In Concert

MARCH 4

Kingdom Heirs (*Southern Gospel*)
Calvary Baptist Church of Melbourne
Melbourne, 7:00 p.m.
Information: 321-254-8802

MARCH 5

Gold City (*Southern Gospel*)
Central Christian Church
Ocala, 7:00 p.m.
Information: 352-690-2010

MARCH 9

The Dartts (*Gospel*)
Temple Baptist Church
Titusville, 9:00 a.m.
Information: 321-269-1133

MARCH 12

4 Him (*Contemporary*)
Volusia County Fair & Expo Center
Deland, 7:00 p.m.
Information: 386-734-9515