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Dear Prayer Partners,

Another year is well under way and as always we have that blessed hope of Jesus' Second Coming. Many times we search the skies for signs of His appearance, realizing that because of the world situation, He will not tarry much longer.

Here in France we are on the battlefield where Satan tries to hinder the spread of the Gospel by every means possible. As in every church there are problems, so pray with us that the Christians can forgive, forget and go forward. "But we see Jesus..." May we keep our eyes on Him and not on the failings of men.

Our Awana Club is growing and we have gone from 9 to 19 children, most who come regularly. Pray with us that our helpers can be more faithful, as one often has to work, plus with winter there has been sickness. For the first two weeks of February most of France was covered with snow and experiencing extremely cold temperatures. This made getting out hazardous for the streets and sidewalks are not always cleaned off. Now the weather is back to normal, so life has resumed.

In December the Christmas program went very well. This was a welcome surprise to me, because from what I saw at practice, it looked like it would be a catastrophe! Praise the Lord, everything fell into place; all went smoothly, and it was a testimony to all who attended, including many visitors.

I continue to have personal Bible studies with the family from India and the deaf girl. It is a challenge for me as well as for them, because their vocabulary is limited so I have to take time to explain the meaning of so many Biblical terms in French, as well as sharing the spiritual applications. The Lord continues to stretch us!

The girls who are learning French sign language now come to my apartment once a week so we can practice and progress. In March a deaf man from Argentina will be spending the weekend here in order to help us. He has learned the French sign language quickly and is seeking the Lord's will concerning working here. Pray for us because it is difficult to add one more thing to everyone's busy schedule.

In March the church will have their annual business meeting and elect a new council, plus the month of March will be dedicated to missions and each of us will renew our Faith Promise giving. Pray that the Christians here will continue to share the burden for reaching the lost. Time is short and eternity is forever!

So many of you pray and give for the ministry in France and my heart is always touched by your sacrifice. Thank you sincerely for all you do. Eternity will reveal how many have come to know Jesus because of you!

Until He Comes,

Gail Huffman in France