



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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I want to thank you for your many prayers and your financial support that I know comes from the leading of the Holy Spirit in you and your love for God and us. Please continue as together we are getting the gospel out to as many people as possible and as quickly as possible in these last days.

As I write this monthly newsletter, I'm getting ready to fly to Kenya for nine days of evangelism and pastor training. Please check our social media sites each day for updates and for a moment of prayer as I travel in the Nairobi and Mombasa areas of Kenya.

Praise the Lord! A team of us just recently returned from France where together we distributed more than 50,000 gospel tracts. We had many spiritual conversations with the masses of people we were in proximity to as we fulfilled the plan God laid on our hearts to reach the people of France.



Throughout our evangelism endeavor, we often paused to pray together concerning reaching the lost in one of the most unevangelized countries in the world.

Here is one of our team members, Allen, stopping to share the gospel with this man who was sitting on a curb waiting for his ride.



He asked Christ to come into his heart. There were many more occasions like this one. As we witnessed people giving their hearts to Christ, each one of us gave glory to God.

Since returning from this evangelism trip, I have been asked this question multiple times, “What are the French people like when you share the gospel with them?” Out of all the evangelism endeavors I have been blessed to do now for 19 years with Abiding Above Ministries, I have never been to a country where the interest in Jesus Christ simply was not evident. The French people were respectful and helpful. They patiently listened to us and kindly received the gospel tracts in their language. But, it appeared, they were simply not interested.

This is a reason, we believe, that God sent us there. We believe our witness and these gospel tracts will continually fall directly into the hands God wants them to. God says this in His Word

about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in **Luke 19:10** - *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*



John 1:10–12 – *“ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name”*

My friend, aren't you glad Jesus came to pay a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay. I'm so glad He did!

We had a few thousand tracts available just before we flew back to America, so we donated these to this church plant in France. They were excited to receive them and assured us they would get them into the hands of people in their community!

My friend, thank you, thank you, and thank you again for causing this to happen as you are led by the Holy Spirit and surrendered in love.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris S. Hodges

President

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Colossians 3:1-3

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P.S. When you receive this newsletter, I will be in Kenya, Africa. Thank you for giving and praying!
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