


# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 28, 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">— MY — <b>PRESENCE</b> WILL GO <b>WITH YOU</b> — &amp; — I WILL GIVE YOU REST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXODUS 33:14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join us at 6:00pm for another lesson in our “Unsolved Mysteries” series</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Please welcome missionary <b>Jeremiah Hostetter</b>, who will be bringing our lesson this morning</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer List</b></p> <p><b>Mark Russell</b> is back at home and improving after his recent hospital stay</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Demonbreun</b> is doing better at home</p> <p><b>Patricia Stroud</b> is back in the hospital with the flu on top of the effects of pneumonia</p> <p><b>Darinda Paul</b> is home, and her cancer treatment is proceeding</p> <p><b>Chelsea and Kennedy Roaden</b> have been dealing with pinkeye</p> <p><b>Diane Singleton</b> continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</p> <p>Continue to pray for: <b>Donnie Garrett, Belinda Mayo, Hunter Crouch, Michael &amp; Regan Loosli</b>, the <b>Walker</b> family, the <b>Mayo</b> family, <b>Doug Demonbreun</b>, the <b>Coleman</b> family, <b>Rebecca Brown</b>, the <b>Tabor</b> family, the <b>Buchanan</b> family, <b>Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky</b>, those in <b>Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer</b>, and <b>Bill Gillock</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we study the Life of Abraham</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serving Today</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b> Steve Buchanan</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</p> <p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> Charlie Baker</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Johnny Walker</p> <p>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</p> <p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> David Billingsley</p> <p><b>Wait On Table:</b> Jearmie Gupton</p> <p><b>Serve:</b> Jared Roaden Doug Demonbreun</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Jeff Baker</p>							
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## Jeremiah Hostetter (Marseille, France)

*This morning we are blessed to have Jeremiah Hostetter with us. He is a missionary in Marseille, France and will be delivering a report on his work during our adult class. He will also be bringing our message during the worship hour. Below is an introduction to Jeremiah and his family in his own words...*

I am a third-generation missionary who grew up in the mission field. My grandfather started in Zimbabwe and then Ghana, where my parents have now also been missionaries for the past 40 years. My sisters serve in Ghana and India with their families.

Despite having extended family that were strong Christians, my wife (Brittney) grew up in a very different context in Oklahoma City. Her direct family was captured by drugs, gang activity and eventually the suicide of her biological father and the gangland execution of her brother. She was crashing towards a similar fate when a Christian family in Missouri took her in at 14. They showed her love and shared their faith, but she struggled to leave behind her old life and dropped out of high school. Her adoptive parents' last-ditch effort was to offer her to go to Ghana, where my parents were running a Christian school, to finish high school. Finally free of negative influences and drug culture, she gave her life to Christ and became a transformed person.

We met when I came home to Ghana on Christmas break, and a year later, we were married. For 6 years we remained in Ghana, serving with the Christian school, leading youth groups, preaching and teaching. Along the way our two oldest children, Hannah and Jonathan, were born in Ghana. Jonathan was born by candlelight as the little clinic had suffered a power outage.

From the age of 16 I had desired to find a way to reach Francophone Africa. I had attended French classes and made trips to Togo and we as a couple had visited Burkina Faso as well. We started to look for places in Africa to strike out and start a Christian school and work with local churches. We finally settled on Cameroun, a beautiful country that is officially bilingual with both English and French being national languages. There for 6 years we labored, starting a Christian school, a gym ministry, a house church, doing benevolence projects and working with teaching and preaching in local churches of Christ. Along the way our third child Carys was born, though she was born in the United States due to medical complications with the pregnancy.

In 2017 a civil war broke out in Cameroun as the Anglophones (where we were based) desired to break away from the Francophone majority of the country to found their own country. It eventually became apparent that we were not only at risk as the last foreign family in our town but were also putting our Camerounian friends at risk through their association with outsiders. We decided to flee to the United States in the hope that things would quickly be settled and we could return. Six years later the insurgency continues with IEDs, kidnappings, massacres, and government reprisals. In 2019 we still had hoped to return to Cameroun. We decided to spend a year or two in France working with the church there in Marseille and participating in the Christians on Missions internship to improve our French and wait for the situation to improve in Cameroun.

We hadn't really considered France a mission field until we went there. What we discovered changed our perspective. Less than 13% of French people really believe that there is a God, more people attend prayers at the mosque than church services, more babies are born with Muslim names than Bible ones, and though still on paper a Catholic majority nation, only 4% of people practice any form of Christianity regularly.

What was initially planned as a two-year intermediate step has turned into four years and then some. We see that there is a great need for the gospel in France. Far more people proclaim the name of Christ and actively practice their faith in Cameroun than in France. The spiritual darkness is in many ways deeper and harder to break through than in much of Africa. 30 years ago, there were 12 churches of Christ in France. Now there are 6 and most are shrinking and at risk of dying out. The need is great and we are grateful that God is using us to help meet that need. We have become an integral part of the ministry there and believe God can use us to make a difference.