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Dear Friends,

Sunday was one of those special Sundays. We had a surprise visit that ended up with a special speaker, well, actually two special speakers. While I'm confident our small group of believers just loves to hear me speak (NOT!), we were all refreshed by these very special speakers.

Hannah is a student from England who attends our church in Châteaubriant. She is one of those special breed of Christians that we all would want to be like. Her joyful and Christlike spirit fills the room when she is with us, and you always leave feeling encouraged after speaking with her. Sunday, her parents, Pete & Annie, dropped in for a visit. Her Dad is an Anglican minister, and her Mom leads an outreach ministry to share Christ with the needy in England. What a blessing it was to hear her share of how they are demonstrating the love of Christ through drama and arts and other means. And what a blessing to hear Pete say these simple words: "I want to leave you with two thoughts. I am loved, totally and fully by God. And everyone of us has a unique ministry that God has equipped us to do. Whatever your ministry is, do it to your best". Words I have heard hundreds of times in my life, but hearing them from Pete on Sunday, those words convicted me. Pete was born with no arms. I suppose he could have been bitter about life. But Pete radiates God's love and he inspired our small group of believers to live fully and joyfully for Christ. I may never see Pete & Annie again this side of heaven, but their surprise visit to our church will stay with me for a long, long time. And I think we all learned where Hannah's joyful spirit comes from as well.

Thanks so much for continuing to pray for and support our ministry in Châteaubriant. As Pete reminded us, we all have a special ministry God has given to us. Ours is the privilege to share Christ and serve His Church here in France. Thank you for helping to make that possible!

Please continue to pray...

- * For growth and development in the lives of believers
- * For our witness to many friends God has brought into our lives
- * For Becky's outreach through teaching English
- * For the church to find a larger meeting place for worship and witness
- * For our financial support. We ended the year in the black (I think?) and are very grateful. To meet our budget needs for 2018, however, we will need close to \$2000 a month in new support. We are very grateful for whatever you can do to help.

Wishing you every blessing in Christ for 2018!

Steve & Becky Riggs
Châteaubriant

*Attached pic is us with our 2 "petits- enfants", Bleuenn & Maëlic