

John and Sue Wilson Celebrate!

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Hello,

It's great to celebrate God's goodness to us. Even in a broken world, we celebrate the hope of wholeness and healing through bread and wine! We also take time to celebrate high days and holidays and anniversaries. "This is the day of the Lord, let us rejoice and celebrate." Psalm 118:24

The week after our Easter celebrations. Our church had a weekend away in a Catholic retreat centre on the north side of Paris. The food was plentiful and the 100 or so people who took part were glad to find a place where we could be outside, to talk about how to live as a church community today.

We took the opening verses of Philippians 2 where we see that Christ gives us courage, comfort, community and compassion. Caring for one another instead of looking after our own interests, is Christ's way!



Caring for one another is part of our personal journey. Celebrating our 37th wedding anniversary took us on a holiday to Spain. Though Sue is experiencing high levels of pain at the moment, the time away in the sun and the water allowed us to feel renewed for the next few months. Please pray particularly for her as she travels to mission conferences both in Hungary and in the UK in the next month or so.

"For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is being renewed day after day." 2 Corinthians 4:16



It was a great pleasure for us to welcome to our home Tomàs Mackey, President of the Baptist World Alliance and Stephan Gisiger, President of the European Baptist Federation with his wife Catherine. They came to celebrate with the French Baptists a 100 years since the official creation of our denomination.

John had the responsibility of welcoming the international visitors to our Congress, which included, Spanish, Belgian, Swiss & Cameroonian delegations. Tomas Mackey came to us from Argentina having visited on the way to the Russian Baptist Union. The BWA of which he is president is also in regular contact with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. He encouraged us to think about how the Gospel transforms the darkness of our world with light.

importantly, how our radical-roots encourage us to go forward with renewed zeal. Many interesting exchanges took place, but perhaps one of the most joyful moments was the decision to work out how our churches can support a national youth leader. After all the work Sue has done to develop a youth network in our churches, this was a wonderful moment to celebrate.



Our Baptist Assembly brought around 300 delegates together for 3 days. For many this was the first national meeting they had attended since the beginning of the pandemic. With our centenary celebrations, we not only thought about where we had come from but more

Please pray for our church as it seeks to develop more home groups

Please pray for Sue's health and the mission conferences she will attend

Please pray for Ukrainian, Eastern European and Russian Christians that the light and life of Christ will shine through them.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Love,

Sue and John

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