April 28, 2024

Fabio & Johnna Muniz – France

Expanding our networks: Fabio meets with a young man and they have been reading the Bible together and studying church history on a regular basis. The young man comes from a region of the world where early Christianity was spread. He recognizes all the locations of Constantinople, Ephesus, Nicea...these are not just names to him.



He even said, "Why did I not meet Jesus 24 years earlier?!"

People now contact us for things they never use to and we believe this is due to your prayers, support, and the trust and longevity we are developing in the city. Right now we are journeying with a woman who is living on the streets, connecting her to associations who help people find housing.

Another is a mother who is trying to keep her child, even though the father is trying every legal method to get his child back. We are privileged to walk alongside people in these situations, even though it can be emotionally taxing.

Fabio has been bringing Cultural Fusion members from different cultures to welcome refugees and join other volunteers at SINGA, an excellent organization that helps bridge residents of France with the refugee community to learn French and access resources for living in France.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. That Jesus will become the main entity in the lives of others.
- 2. Prayers for their work, activities, and encouragement.
- 3. For the need of more financial support.



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children.**
- We would like to have the **missions budget** in place by April 30. If you have not made a Faith Promise or would like to increase it, please fill out a card from the pew to let us know, and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for praying about your part in missions with our church. **Faith Promises received** \$64,775; goal is \$67,000.
- The LT has been made aware of a mistake they made in the process of accepting **new members**. Will Peterson and Doug Galusha have completed the membership class and the LT is recommending that they be accepted as members. If any member objects or has concerns over granting them membership, please communicate that to a member of the LT by May 5.
- If you would like to send a **note of encouragement** or go visit Tom Holm, you can reach him at: Tom Holm, C/O Heritage Manor, 321 6th Street NE, Room 121, Chisholm, MN 55719.
- **Sunday morning prayer time** is meeting in Room 101 off the Coffee Bar area from 9:30-10am. All are welcome!
- Are you concerned about our country, state and communities? Please join us to pray for these concerns on the **National Day of Prayer**, Thursday, May 2 at noon, at the flag pole between City Hall and the Library. Pastor Seth will be leading.
- If you are interested in going to **Guatemala with Mark Mast**, he is taking a group Oct. 29-Nov. 5, 2024. Please see Lynn Peterson (218-324-0508) for more information. This is not a church sponsored missions trip, but an opportunity to serve in Guatemala

Entrusted: Stewards of God's Gifts: Talents

Deuteronomy 10.14

14 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

1 Peter 4.10-11

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.