

Christmas Tree Offering 2016

Coffee House Ministry in France

Our missionaries in France, **Don & Sue Marshall** have requested financial and prayer support for a new Coffee House Ministry they would like to start in L'Epine, France. They have prepared a video that you can see "**French Coffee House**" project:

<https://youtu.be/m2jCL1YLH9g>

Central Missionary Clearinghouse (CMC) sent them an email and told them that donations have started to come into the home office. "That's right! Sue and I go to the Lord and ask Him for a miracle each day! If the print of his hand is not on this Café, it will be for nothing. This is fun! Because it is out of our hands. With what we know and what CMC is telling us, we have made it to the \$16,000 mark. That is the project report at this time."

They met for a second time to negotiate a potential Coffee House site. "Since the video release, the commercial site on Rue Lochet is no longer a possibility. They have located another other site just off the main street and closer to the main market area. The placement to center of town is excellent and negotiations are promising and exciting. Please, take pleasure in praying for these crucial days. We are almost "there"!"

To get "there" in the ensuing weeks before Christmas there are two things that need to happen in the next few weeks.

- "We are praying for the additional \$20,000 needed. These funds will enable us to rent, (3 months is required ahead for the day we sign); renovate; begin purchasing: tables, chairs, lighting, coffee bar, professional coffee machine and set up our small kitchen."
- "We need individuals, business' and churches to consider taking on the Coffee House ministry in monthly support. This is probably the hardest of the three areas to contemplate as it takes a monthly commitment. Would you take the challenge of supporting this



ministry for one year? We have got to raise monthly support for the next 3 years. This will be phased out as receipts augment and the Coffee House becomes autonomous. All of our interviews with other coffee ministries have informed us that it takes roughly 36 months for the coffee house to sustain itself. Our current need is \$3,000 monthly and that will be phased out incrementally over 3 years."

SoOur short term Coffee House goals: (as noted in the video interview) are:

1. To have the setup finances in by the end of December.
2. Have a \$1000 monthly support by the end of December
3. Sign for the commercial site in early January
4. Renovate and purchase the equipment during January - February 2017
5. Be functional in March

If you are considering being a partner in prayer. I have just listed some healthy goals to pray towards.

If you are considering donating as an individual, a business or a church, please consider donating before the end of the year. CMC will close down the books on December 15th. They asked us to inform our support base with this date. At that time, they will prepare our missionary year-end reports.

Going forward: Please take time to listen to our interview in the above video. Maybe you know someone who is passionate about these kinds of ministries and needs to hear about this project. Don't hesitate to share the information and link. Thank you in advance for your prayer and financial investments. Please let us know if you desire to join our team in any of these 3 important areas: (Prayer one time donation and/or monthly support) We are setting up a special French Coffee House group mailing to keep teammates apprised on progress and ministry. There will also be a facebook account set up for your perusal and prayer.

Christmas Tree Envelopes -- To give to the Coffee House ministry please take an envelope from the Christmas Tree in the foyer. Please write your offering envelope number on the outside of the envelope. Place your offering inside the envelope and place the envelope in an offering plate.