

What a privilege it is to serve the Lord in France. This update will tell you the *Story of AYC France*... Apostolic Youth Corps.

The Team & The Mission: 37 young people from across North America, with their General Youth Division chaperones, Josh & Rachel Carson and Luke & Amy Levine, spent 10 days in France in June. They ministered in 7 services over 5 days, visited some sights and did outreach in Luxembourg with AlMers Jeremy & Khrista Favors. *Our* mission... to accompany them and look after details pertaining to meals, accommodation, travel, sightseeing, as well as translation for the services.

Neither Liz nor I had ever been to 5 of those churches so besides helping the team, it also allowed us to better get to know the churches, pastors and saints there.

mpact: You can see me praying, in one picture, with a taxi-driver in Luxembourg. He'd been looking for a church and after our team met & prayed with him, he showed up at church the following Sunday... suit, tie & all! The Favors have had numerous other people contact them following that outreach.

Small & larger churches alike were encouraged by the chance to have such a large group of youth demonstrate that it IS possible to live for God and impact your world.

Since "Exposure breeds a burden" it was also a pleasure to be part of exposing this entire group to the needs in France and the extent to which each one can be used of God, in their own unique giftings, for the benefit of God's Kingdom. It was during such short term trips that the Lord first spoke to me about longer term missions involvement - so I know the value first hand. It was great to be part of others having similar experiences.

For our kids, it was a great blessing to be able to joke around, hang out, play and pray with all those English-speaking youth... it was like having 37 big brothers & sisters for a week.

The kids also followed their lead. Sophie sang with their choir in several services, Timo led one group as they handed out church invitations in Luxembourg and Dominic can be seen below, praying with another local young person. Our kids don't get fellowship like this much so it was huge!

Pray: Here's how you can pray specifically...

- We invested weeks of planning and ministry elsewhere in France, pray for open doors here in Chatellerault.
- Growth in maturity and number in our local church.

Thank you for your interest in France!

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