



The Carlos Family Times

Nous attendons...

Nous attendons – French for ‘we wait.’ Advent is a time for waiting and anticipation. We are reminded of this waiting when we see the trees around our little French town of Albertville. They have some interesting trees here in France and recently, the city workers have been going around trimming the trees. With some varieties of trees, this means removing half the tree! What is left of the tree is a pictured in the above photo.

A month ago, these trees were filled with huge, healthy leaves. They were lovely. Now, they look like something out of a science fiction movie! We know what these trees looked like before and look forward to Spring when they will be filled

with fresh growth and beautiful leaves once again. However, we have to wait for that to happen, just as the world had to wait for its Savior so many years ago.

During this advent season, we wait once again for Jesus – fully knowing not only that he is coming – but that he has already come. He was born, died, and rose again for “tout le monde!” (the whole world)

So, when we walk past these trees each day, we are reminded about how the world waited for Jesus. We also think about ourselves and how without Jesus, we are like these trees, with no leaves and no life. But with Jesus, we are made new through His love and mercy. Come, Lord Jesus!

*“Un Sauveur vous est né aujourd’hui dans la ville de David; c’est lui le *Messie, le Seigneur.”* Luke 2:11

From Germany & Wisconsin.....

Raymond & Hannah are both on the verge of completing their first semesters at their new schools. Soon they will be joining us in France for Christmas! What a blessing!

We received great news recently from UW-River Falls. They were considering suspending the swim & dive program and have decided to keep the program! Raymond has enjoyed being part of the team.

Hannah continues to thrive in Germany. She has applied to some universities and is starting to think about what God has in store for her next year. She has also been selected to be part of a mission trip to Athens, Greece during her Spring break. What a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord!

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Prayers Please!

- For our continued French language studies.
- For Raymond & Hannah as they complete their end of semester exams.
- Safe travel for Raymond & Hannah as they come to join us in France for Christmas.
- For the political situation in Guinea - for the safety of the Guinean people & our fellow missionaries there.
- That many would come to know Jesus this Christmas season.

