

The Stahlman Family

Serving as European Field Director

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Dear friends,

Our team left France this morning after 10 days of ministry at the Paris Olympics and surrounding communities. It is hard to leave knowing that we have just scratched the surface of what could be done here. My heart already longs to return to water the seed sown this week. We are grateful for those of you who gave and prayed as we spread the gospel to this desperate place.

The outreach began in Paris giving tracts to people from all over the world as they visited the Olympic events. By day two, we realized that the most receptive part of Paris was the central train station where we came in contact with more long-term residents and fewer tourists. On occasion the Lord allowed us to interact with people who were sincerely searching for truth. We are praying that the gospel continues to work in their lives.

Upon leaving Paris, we visited the smaller French cities of Rouen, Caen, Lemans, Tours, Lyon, and Nice. The people in the smaller towns were much more likely to welcome us, and we distributed tracts at a much faster rate than in Paris in spite of fewer people being on the streets.

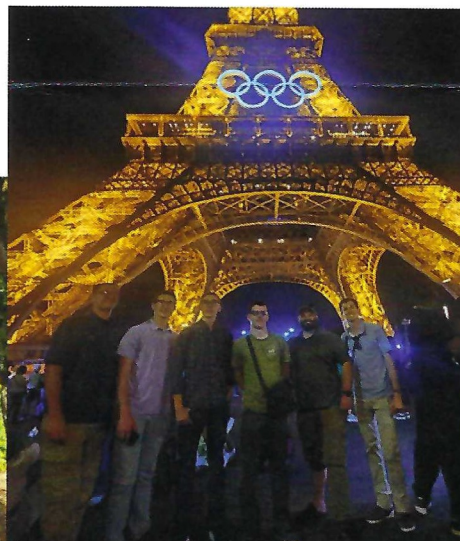
Each of us had a special connection to a city, but for me, Lemans stands out above the rest. We providentially entered the city on the 80th anniversary of its liberation from the German occupation by American forces. Thousands of residents were gathered in the streets for a festival, and we were able to distribute thousands of tracts and share Christ with many. It was a good day to be an American in Lemans, and we were the only Americans present.

So much more took place on this trip that it is hard to know what to say. We could tell stories for hours about God's provision, protection, and providence, but one of the greatest blessings was to see the openness of the Muslim people to have conversations and accept the gospel tracts. I would guess more than 2,000 tracts went out to Muslims during our trip.

The next few months will be filled with training missionaries and encouraging local churches in missions. Please pray that we will finish deputation soon so that we may concentrate our focus on reaching the world through Europe!

In Christ,
Matt and Cathy

80th-anniversary celebration in Lemans



Families in Lemans dressed up for the occasion



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