



Ross Family

Ministering in Southwest France

Le septieme Ange donc fonna de la trompette, & furent faites grandes voix au ciel, difans, Les royaumes de ce monde font reduits à nostre Seigneur, & à son Chrif, & il regnera és fiecles des fiecles. Apocalypse 11.9.
Edition de Geneue, 1563.

Greetings! I realize you find yourselves in the midst of momentous political debates. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

With much sadness, we wanted to let you know that Paula passed away at the end of August. She died following another stroke. Over the course of the last two years she suffered five strokes. Yet, our Lord was gracious to her in her struggles. Though her trials were by no means free from all anxiety, God bore her up in her more difficult moments. He sustained in her a strong desire for the Word and for communion with Him. He gave her peace in the weeks before her passing. How to express our gratitude to you? Words fail. Thank you so much for allowing us to minister to our sister for several years, to see her life transformed in Christ, to see God's grace in her life and her passing.

Paula had asked me to officiate the services. She especially desired that the Gospel which had saved her be shared on her behalf once again with family and friends. So the Lord gave me the opportunity to preach the Gospel to over a hundred and fifty people who came to pay their last respects. He also allowed us to spend time with the family and to minister to them. Continue to pray for Peter, their three daughters and their grandchildren. These souls were constantly in Paula's prayers. They remain in ours.

The day of the funeral I was slated to be in Toulon for work sessions with the French Bible revision team. I drove in the night and made our scheduled meeting Tuesday morning. Valerie and the children accompanied me this time. They stayed in Marseille at the ministry headquarters of *Esaïe 55*. Jean-Luc Pieret, director of *Esaïe 55* has been distributing Bibles since 1982. He has been closely associated with the Trinitarian Bible Society. For years the TBS furnished the Bibles he distributed. *Esaïe 55* was granted the rights to the French version used by the TBS when they made a decision to revise the Genevan Bible. I've had the opportunity to help Jean-Luc from time to time. (They themselves are working on a slight modernization.) Jean-Luc had invited us to stay with them. While I was in Toulon, the girls got to spend a little time on the beaches. On the Sunday following our work, I preached at the church there in Marseille. We had an extended weekend together and saw a few sights in the area, Cassis

and its *calanques, la route des crêtes* (Provence), the Old Port of Marseille, etc. It was only a few days, but it was a blessing. It's the first time in three years our family has gotten away even for a few days.

The TBS work itself went well. We met our goals. It's always edifying to interact with the brethren. We continue to make consistent progress. I always return invigorated – and with a ton of work. Please keep that ongoing work in your prayers.

While on the subject, Valerie, Michael and myself are headed to the Paris area in a few weeks. The annual Evangelical conferences take place the second week of November. I'll be representing the revision team once again at the society's stand. Pray for us. Pray for the greater dissemination of God's Word. The TBS always ships boxes full of Bibles and Bible calendars in multiple languages for distribution in France and throughout Europe.

We would also ask you to pray for our outreach and work here. I'm scheduled to meet with a very needy couple Friday. Another brother and I recently witnessed to Frances, one of the women in the music school association. A very positive conversation. Valerie has been talking with a woman who is battling cancer. Over the years, the Lord has given us a good rapport with this lady, the wife of an artisan in a nearby town. Her husband is from a nominal Protestant background. She herself had no religious upbringing. She identifies herself more or less as agnostic. However, she has been open to listening and reading. Pray for her. Continue to pray for John, Michael, Lucy, Mirilla.

Thank you also for praying for our family. The children are doing well. School, music, and activities are back up in full swing for the children here in France. Pray for Madeleine, Claire-Marie, Laureline and Michael. Continue to pray for Caroline and Emilie. It is challenging for single girls to be so far from home. Thank you for your prayers for Noah and Angeline and their children. We are overjoyed to welcome into our family our third grandchild, Emma Judith Zamba, born September 28, 2016. Congratulations to the Zambas! The Lord has been so good to us!

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus-Christ. Tim and Valerie.



Emma Judith Zamba