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"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)



August 12th, 2026



The Langfords' church EssenCiel

Salt in a Secular Climate

SF partners David and Lilla Langford continue to be salt and light on their summer mission trip to France. **They have seen God at work in people's lives, including witnessing the baptism of a new believer.** Tuesday afternoons they teach English at a local community center, which has been a source of consistent connection with locals. Despite encountering tech issues, David was able to preach on the tongue (James 3). He has also been invited to preach in a church in Belgium pastored by one of his former students from a seminary in Bunia, DRC. Please continue to pray for protection and favor over the Langfords as they continue to serve in the secular mission field of France.

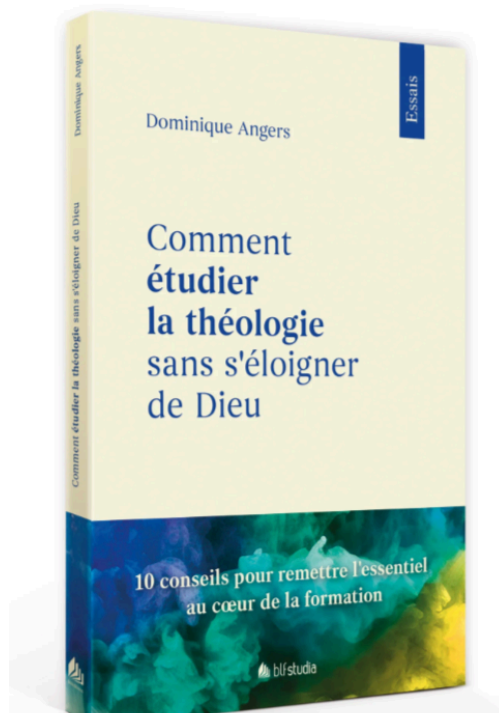


Participants in the evangelism campaign, four of which came forward to speak to a counselor after a presentation of the Gospel

Finding God's Love in a Freezing Lake

SF partner Rev. Toe-Blake Roy shared how the Lord was at work in an evangelism campaign at a small Baptist church in Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska, NB, Canada, August 4th-8th. An American missionary had been in the same area and had committed to pray Friday nights on the small hill of the church's property—for seven years. **His prayer was to see the entire town receive a Gospel message in their home. God answered his prayer!** The ministry Every Home for Christ sent Gospel booklets to 5,100 homes two weeks before the campaign. This prepared the way for 40 evangelists to follow up door-to-door and invite locals to a free Hope Breakfast at the close of the campaign.

At the breakfast, Rev. Roy sat with some residents of a local care home. He asked one of the residents, Jean-Luc, if he knew God loved him. Jean-Luc answered with a clear yes, and then explained. In a difficult time, he had intentionally walked over a barely-frozen lake, hoping to fall through and be free of his troubles. **Sinking into the freezing water, he realized he wanted to live and asked for God to save him. At that moment, a police officer nearby saw him, and Jean-Luc was rescued.** Rev. Roy was thrilled to continue the conversation about God's love, and Jean-Luc intends to come back to the church. Please pray for Jean-Luc and other participants to



Books for Haiti

BLF Éditions is giving 37 free copies of Dominique Angers' book *Comment étudier la théologie sans s'éloigner de Dieu* (*How to Study Theology without Growing Distant from God*) to SF partner CEFA, a Bible school in Haiti. BLF Canada will cover the cost to ship the books from Quebec to Haiti. Please pray this resource for students and pastors will arrive at the school smoothly and will inspire deeper intimacy with God in all who read it.



Staff Highlight: Karin Wilcox

God has blessed SF by assembling a team of highly skilled, dedicated servants, a dream team we could only have imagined. SF Executive Director Angela Brandle met Karin during a conference for African Christian writers in Ghana. A mathematician, professional opera singer, and videographer/video editor, Karin enjoys exploring how technology can further God's work. Having seen some of her videos, we consulted Karin when we wanted to start sharing the story of God's movement in the French-speaking world through video. She quickly volunteered to create our introductory video and joined us as videographer on two France Impressions Teams. One morning in France, Angela felt impelled by God to invite Karin to join our operational team. Karin had the same conviction—but there were no budgeted funds to hire her. "No problem," said Karin, "I will raise support." And God provided.

Resourceful and multi-talented, Karin gives voice to our global partners through a medium essential to reaching today's audience. SF missionaries Sylviane and Fabrice Dubus greatly appreciated Karin's ability to guide them through the self-filming process and then to create an engaging video about their ministry. It was "above our expectations," Fabrice writes, adding, "Karin does behind-the-scenes work that puts things and people in the spotlight." With her long-term perspective, she has also been instrumental in organizing our media library for future generations of SF staff.

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kid in Germany, she is thorough and efficient yet always willing and quick to learn new skills and grow in Christlike character. Seriously responsible for all her work (including OC International, the San Diego and Colorado Operas, and Lyft), her wry sense of humor and clever turns of phrase keep the mood light. We appreciate her pursuit of excellence while extending grace to others, her courageous spirit that is dependent on God, and her generosity in singing beautiful hymns to bless overseas partners and supporters. SF Director of Communications Elise Teegne writes, “Her honesty, conscientiousness, and sensitivity to hearing God’s voice help to shape a culture of Christ-centeredness at SF.”

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