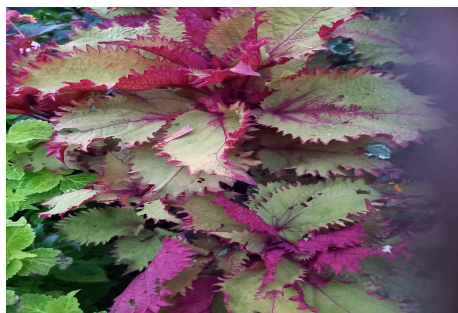


DESCARTES NEWSLETTER.

AUTUMN 2023



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Descartes . I apologise for the delay in sending this out but due to unforeseen circumstances it had to be put aside until now. Most of you will have heard that I had an unexpected spell in hospital recently and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and messages which were so encouraging.

NEWS FROM CHATELLERAULT:



In June we held a special service for Pastor Roland Poupin who was the Pastor of the Poitiers Church for many years and he also oversaw the Chatellerault Church as well. We all enjoyed a meal together and shared memories of the different events that took place during Roland's time at Poitier Church. Roland and his wife have now moved to Chatellerault and have joined the fellowship which we are all very happy about.

While I was in the UK a friend sent me a photo of the local Roman Catholic Church which had been struck by lightning and had caught fire quickly causing a lot of damage outside and inside the church. It will be some time before it's restored but thankfully it happened during the night and nobody was hurt.



NEWS FROM DESCARTES



EXHIBITION ON THE HISTORY OF THE PAPER MILL .



GAMES NIGHT WITH JOCELYNE, NICOLE AND LORRAINE.

Please pray for Francine, a lady that was admitted to the hospital the same night as I was. We shared the same room and became good friends. Francine has experienced a lot of pain in her life and is very angry with everything and everyone. This opened up an opportunity to share my testimony with her and we sat all of Sunday afternoon in deep discussion. Please pray for Francine that the things which we discussed will bear fruit in her life. We are hoping to meet up for coffee when we are both up and about again.

I am hoping to invite Jocelyne, Nicole and Lorraine to lunch soon and no doubt the games will come out again but it is surprising the discussions that take place while navigating to win the game !!

MEMORIES FROM MY TRIP TO THE UK
LEAVING FROM FRANCE



LEAVING FROM THE UK



SHOLAH AND NOAH'S WEDDING



VISITS WITH FRIENDS.
CORNERSTONE CHURCH





The week before I left for the UK my friend Monique died after a long battle following two operations for a brain tumour. I visited her the day before she died and although she was heavily sedated I prayed and read the scriptures to her and every so often she would squeeze my hand. I was encouraged by this small gesture. A squeeze is symbolic ; it means that the person is responding. I am content that I got a squeeze to my hand, it gives me hope. I thank you for your faithful prayers for Monique over the past six years. She was always happy when I told her that people were praying for her.

FAMILY NEWS

October was a very sad month for the family. I received the news from the children that their father had died suddenly of a massive heart attack. It was a great shock to us all , he was only 68 years old and was very fit. I am so thankful that we had all been together for Sholah and Noah's wedding recently, and that we had the opportunity to sit and talk and enjoy spending time with each other . Thank you dear friends for the messages and prayers that you shared with myself and the family , it brought great comfort to us .

Lots of love

Laura xx



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