



# TRANSITION

"Everything on earth has its own time and its own season."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Like it says in Ecclesiastes everything in life has seasons. We have been through busy seasons, growing seasons, dry seasons, joyful seasons, difficult and painful seasons and now we find ourselves in the deep throws of a transitional season. (Read behind story here). There's very little that we are not transitioning in this year.... a new city, culture, climate, job, community, and church. The number of children has stayed the same, but almost everything else has changed. We've been told transition like this takes a year and we are determined to transition well.

Transition is defined by the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another. These first 6 months have been about stabilization. Stabilizing the kids in their school, stabilizing our family in a new country (working through lots of paperwork to do so), getting to know our surroundings and beginning to build a community here in Marseille. (Read more about this in our last newsletter)

In coming to Marseille we knew we would be involved in 3 different areas of ministry (See below). As we finish out this transition period we want to be as intentional as possible while we serve in these areas. We feel like God has asked us to focus on these following areas for the next 6 months so we can move from stabilizing to thriving.

## **BEING LEARNERS...**

We are making every effort to learn, learn our surroundings, language, the people, the dynamics of the church, building relationships and learning by serving.

## **SOWING SEEDS...**

We look for every opportunity to sow seeds. Sometimes this is babysitting so other staff members can be free to lead, working in our church's cafe as more hands are needed, developing new ideas for building church and discipleship, web design, adding creativity,

creating videos, sharing devotions, encouraging others and building up the team at EPP.

**Jeremiah 29:7**, "Work for the well-being of the city where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you."

**Psalms 126:5**, "Those who plant with tears will gather fruit with songs of joy."

## **LISTENING TO HIS VOICE...**

At the start of this journey, God was speaking very clearly to us to allow space for Him to

speaking. We want to be extremely intentional in planting ourselves in prayer.... giving space to see and listen to what God wants to say and how He wants us to lead us in this new season.

### **BIRTHING NEW DREAMS...**

God is already stirring up some things in us and revealing things about the next season that we were not expecting. We want to continue to seek Him in these things and allow Him to solidify them in our hearts, but we are SO excited to share them with you in the near future. We appreciate your prayers as these new dreams are being birthed.

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## **3 AREAS OF MINISTRY**



**MCM** This is a discipleship program planted in our local church. Students enter the program for 9 months where they will be given every opportunity to know Jesus deeply, experience transformation in order to be more like Him, discover their identity in Christ and some of the unique ways he has designed them as well as be trained to live it out.

We have been developing the program with other staff members to make sure that this coming year 2017-18 will be the best year yet for

MCM. We cannot wait to see all God will do in the students who will attend and look forward to diving all in to set these students up to win.

Our next launch is in September 2017. Please pray with us for 15 students, for our team as we strategize in developing this program and that promotions would reach those God would call into this intentional discipleship school.

**RESOLUTE** Resolute is a network of discipleship schools (like MCM), whose aim is to



create thriving disciples who put the local church in action. This network exists to connect, refresh, resource, train and inspire individuals to lead in developing a culture of discipleship in Europe and throughout the world.

Our next Leader's conference is the 11-13 of September. At this conference, we will be initiating our coaching program, which will allow our network to be given the support and tools necessary for our leaders to succeed.

Please keep our programs and leaders in your prayers. Summer is a time of preparation for the coming year. Pray for God to reveal new strategies and creativity for discipleship, provisions for finances, team, and students as well as our Leader's Conference in September to be a time of community, encounters with Him and our hearts to be filled to overflowing.

## **EPP** (our local church)

What is church.... the hope of the world? Yes, when it's a kingdom culture church. John 10:10 talks about how Jesus came to give us life and an abundant life. Kingdom culture churches are people who are living this life out. Grace, rest, freedom, honor and excellence thrive all to bring others into this abundant life and ultimately to bring Him glory. This is the heart beat of EPP and what "7 vie est belle" is all about.

In 2016 our church has grown from 1 campus to 4, with the aim to see a church in every city! Please pray for these 4 campuses but for God's leading as we continue to plant more churches.

This summer we have 2 intense camps of outreach in the city. Pray that these outreach weeks, for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be displayed and for people to encounter Jesus.