THE SERRET FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO MAURITIUS

Wednesday 13 January 2021

Dear all praying friends, beloved family and pastors,

We, as a family wish to thank all the many saints who have supported, loved and cared for us over the many years of ministry in Mauritius and Australia itself.
For the past three years Francois has battled with 4 th stage duodenal cancer to be finally 'released' to his eternal, glorious home.
He left this earth pain free and "truly ready to be offered" as he himself expressed- "soon the pearly gates will open."
We deeply miss him as our husband, father, pastor and friend but do not begin to question the sovereign will of God.

Francois had many, many opportunities to minister during his illness-particularly of latter days.
The amount of Mauritians that divinely 'came across our path' whilst in hospital in the last months was incredible.
These were medical staff and patients alike.
Francois had many God-appointed conversations which he delighted in participating to share his faith.
We think; however, that the biggest highlight of his week was to take part in the Mauritian service via Zoom for this past, unusual year.
He could be lying in his hospital bed in pain but when it came time for the service he would always 'perk up' and be ready to preach, or simply attend in support of brother Herringson preaching and Caleb moderating.

We feel that it is still needful for our family to continue supporting and participating in this weekly service for present and are grateful to Pastor James Herringson for the opportunity.
The Lord has marvellously raised up this godly, compassionate man and his supportive, virtuous wife to continue the work in Mauritius.
We thank God for His perfect provision.
The folk at Truth Baptist are earnestly praying that Brother James will be able to come to them swiftly as they are deeply missing their original pastor and friend.
Pastor Guy Grenade - a local pastor nearby, will continue to encourage and preach for them once a month for the combined Zoom meetings.
The majority of the church members are now meeting in a new location- a cake shop owned by one of the members-that is proving to be adequate in 'housing' the weekly services.
There has been no decrease in attendance over the Covid year but on the contrary- the addition of a new, faithful couple and family.

For the Zoom meetings- we continue to welcome Nadine from France who cannot find a church nearby, Francois' uncle from South Africa, church members who can't get to services physically due to illness or distance as well as many from Australia.
These services are an encouragement and blessing for all.
Francois' last sermon was preached during his last hospital confinement- where he shared the anticipation of receiving a glorified body.

Could you please continue to pray for the many phone contacts that Francois made and received during the final weeks of his life?
We would appreciate specific prayer for Demis, Fabrice and Saskia for salvation as well as Dominique and many others watching the God-honouring funeral service via live stream.

We are truly humbled by the beautiful display of flowers, multitudes of messages, cards, love gifts and expressions of love to all our family.
Thankyou from the bottom of our hearts.
Carolyn, Chelsea, Caleb, Celeste and Chantelle.

2 Corinthians 1:3,11
"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort."
Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf."

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