



Summary of PRAYER WAVES for May 2018

James Hammond

James has been working in Bordeaux for 4 years and has spent most of that time involved in the student ministry with the GBU. Over that time James has been encouraged by the growth of the students, especially in the aspect of sharing the gospel with other students, as in France there is a sharp division between your public and private life. There is also a student named Leia who was an atheist Biology student who was given a Gideon Bible. She read the Psalms and over the next year got involved with the GBU, started coming along to Bordeaux Church and was saved. Leia is being baptised in May.

Because of how busy James is with his studies and with the new church plant he is scaling back his work with the GBU. He is changing from being a 'Local Equipper' to a Referent who is less involved with the administration and organisation of activities, but still involved with one-to-ones and campus evangelism.

James is also involved with the French Language church plant of Bordeaux Church. The Church has invited Maxime Soumagnas to lead the church plant and the core group is meeting every Friday to communicate the vision, values and priorities of the church plant. James' role will be helping with preaching, teaching and other ways he can help.

James is also involved in further theological training and has reached the end of his B.Th course. He is currently working through the various essays that he has to finish before the end of the month and then will be sitting exams in June. He is still deciding whether he will then continue to do a Masters afterwards. This course is important because it helps him with his French and its use in theological contexts but also because he needs a recognised degree to be a pastor in France.

Prayer Points:

- **Pray for James as he finishes his course that he would get the work done and pass well.**
- **Give thanks for the encouragements within the student work.**
- **Pray for James as he changes his role with the GBU that he would continue to reach out to students and help Christian students grow.**
- **Pray for the church plant as there are still many practical considerations to finalise.**
- **Pray for the unity of those involved in the church plant that the devil will not come between them.**