

First steps of One World Crusade in France

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French One World Crusaders

Our big center in Aulnay (Paris) was full of the atmosphere and songs that Reiner brought back from Belvedere when we celebrated the birth of a new European team. Now France has also its "One World Crusade" and it is called in French "Un Monde Croisade". This was on Saturday the 10th of February.

We are -- for the moment -- nine crusaders, well decided to spread the greatest of all news and to bring our Father's love in every city of this country. "Your work is to bring in children" said Reiner before we left Paris. For that we have to create a very stimulating atmosphere, attracting the best persons and giving a positive impression to the others.

With this spirit, we hope to multiply very quickly. If we make people feel like in the Garden of Eden, they surely will be willing to stay with us forever. So, all of us are required to grow quickly to become able to give more and more heart; especially that most of our crusaders are young members in the family. They are: Roland (leader), Alban, Michel, Yvon, Ebrahim, Alain, Elisabeth, Marie Therese, and Renee. Six boys and three girls.

Sunday was a day of preparation, where we could hear many remarks that our Master said to the European teams in America, during the training session in Belvedere. This gave us a great energy when we heard how quickly Our Master is going forward, and we felt the will and the love he puts in everything he undertakes to gain new children.

Monday morning we left for Rennes, a city in the northwest of France. Rennes is a small quiet city, where most of the people are Christians and live a traditional family life.

The team, with its two glittering new white microbuses arrived in Rennes in the end of the afternoon, and after a short prayer for the city, we began immediately to search for the Father's lost children. Since the very beginning, the main emphasis was put on witnessing and bringing people immediately in the center to create a warmer contact and if possible to teach the first part of the Divine Principle.

We found that this is the best way, for we have experienced that especially in this city where the people

are traditionalists and often suspicious, it is not easy to gain their confidence.

If the base of confidence is not large enough, Satan finds easily a way to discourage the person, and he does not come. Indeed, despite our endeavor only a few people attended the lectures. However, among the people who were invited on the spot, 5 accepted the Principle, and among these, 3 were already living in the center before we left Rennes.



Witnessing in Rennes, France

One fact is sure, now most of the inhabitants of Rennes know our movement. In the last days of our stay, at least one half of the people contacted refused our invitation or our booklets because they had already read it.

Not only the inhabitants of Rennes, but also many students know us now. There are two campuses in Rennes, and every day we went to one of these around noon, standing in the entrance of the restaurants (face to face with Communists) singing or making personal contacts. And in the evening the members who did not teach were witnessing in the students' rooms, going from door to door. Unfortunately, as most of the students have such a work to do, only a very few came to our center. But I am sure that now a base exists for the future.

At the end of February, we went to several schools, to speak with the directors in order to establish some base of contact, trying either to obtain a classroom to present a lecture to the teachers, or to have them read a small booklet introducing our movement. We succeeded in this second way, and probably this will prepare our next campaign in this city.

For all of us in the "Un Monde Croisade" team, this first experience in a team will certainly remain an important change in our principle life. The first difficulty we met was to become public persons. Until now we worked most searching for personal contacts and trying to explain the teaching of the Principle. Now we have to work more horizontally, attracting people through life and atmosphere rather than through the revelation of a new truth. That is why we felt in the beginning some kind of clumsiness, and through this we can see that we have already changed. This is a great opportunity the Father gives us to enlarge our personality. So we want to grow the quickest way possible to become the kind of personality that God needs, to be able to lead many people to His Kingdom and to save also this country.

We are happy to work in the team, for we know that at this time it represents God's preferred tool. We hope to become deserving of this honor.