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BUILDING THE BRIDGE



“The Bridge” will be a new church plant combined with a ministry center focusing on the international population of the city of Paris, France. We are asking God to bring together an amazing team of people, both from the US and abroad to make this dream a reality—building a bridge of hope to the city of Paris. Only 5 out of 1000 people claim a relationship with Jesus Christ in this city,

which is home to 3 million Muslims as well as people representing every corner of the world. **The Bridge will serve as a church planting engine for the Paris region, a center for mentoring of future pastors and missionaries, and launching point for outreach.** We will be inviting dozens of short-term ministry teams to play significant roles in this endeavor. (See “The Bridge Project” link at tysontidings.com for more information)

Forming a Team

In coordination with our partners, missionaries Robby & Tracy Bradford, we are inviting people to be a part of the Bridge team for two years. The goal is to “supercharge” the effort to launch a dynamic, lasting ministry in Paris. **So far two families and one individual are now raising their own funds to join us in Paris beginning in late 2009.**



Please keep them in your prayers, and offer them support as you may be able. **Mark and Tania Wolf** (pictured right) are from Mayville, WI. They are active lay ministers in their local church, Christian Life Fellowship. Read more at markawolf.com. Next comes **Mark Birch** (pictured left), who has a passion for music and youth. Mark hails from Calvary Temple in Springfield, IL. Read more at myspace.com/markrb23. Finally **Josh and Sarah Isenhart** (right) are from our Indiana home



church— Lakeview Church in Indianapolis. While Josh is a sound engineer, and Sarah is talented musically, both of them have a heart to train and build up the church. See their website at isenhartfamily.wordpress.com.

There are others in the application process, along with some who live in Europe already. **Please pray that God builds this team perfectly!**



Finding a Home

Recently we learned that a school campus will be available next year in the target area we are focusing on in Paris. **Due to the large team, the vision for internships and short term teams, and the difficulty of finding real estate in Paris, it is critical that we find property that will accommodate the Bridge sooner, rather than later.** At the top right of this page is this picturesque campus that **could** provide the perfect location for The Bridge. Please pray for this property, for favor with the owners, and for finances to be raised quickly.

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Potential property for The Bridge (see “Finding a Home” section)

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Prayer Requests:

- Health for Amanda and our baby boy, due to be born around May 4.
- Raising the monthly support needed to arrive in France early in 2009— 70% still needed!
- Travel safety as we share in churches and meet with pastors and missions committees (and for more invitations!)
- Team building and opportunities to advance the vision of The Bridge in Paris—an extensive network is being built.
- Continued lay leadership development at HICC in Holland— to support continuing growth.

It has been wonderful to be home and see so many of you already! Thank you for your love and support toward us.

With deep appreciation for your partnership,
Todd, Amanda, Tessa & Sophia Tyson

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