



Réunion Newsletter

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I have grown to love the people of Réunion more every day, and I was honored to get to see my friend Johanna dedicate her baby to the Lord. It was a beautiful service filled with love and plenty of tears. I can't wait to see what God does with baby Elyas and his family.

While I missed the July Fourth fun back home, I was so excited to celebrate La Fête Nationale with the rest of Réunion. We celebrated with the other missionaries on the island with a picnic, then drove downtown to catch the fantastic fireworks display. It felt a little like home.



Our team got a little bigger! John and Lexi Samuel, AIMers to Mauritius, and Adriana Cox, an AIMer to Mayotte, came to join us for a short time. It was so exciting to have my good friends with us and to experience the island through new eyes! Together we ministered at the National Youth Conference for Réunion, where one received the Holy Ghost, and many were moved in the Spirit. I was ministered to by my friends and the presence of God that fell in those services. Pray for the youth of Réunion. They are an amazing group, and I have enjoyed every second with them and their leadership.

After the youth conference, we got together with the national youth team for fellowship and exploration of this beautiful island. We shared plenty of laughs and inside jokes. Not only did they show us places on the island I had never seen and share their local cuisine, but they showed me that the fellowship of the church reaches farther than I ever knew. I love this team and my new friends. They shared their island with me. Something I cannot help but treasure. So far from home, God has granted me the connections of a church I so long for and allowed me to be ministered to and minister in kind.



While I missed being at the North American Youth Congress in person, I am so grateful I got to watch the recorded services with our team of missionaries. After watching the Friday morning service, we were all moved to tears, and prayer broke out amongst our group. God ministers no matter how far you are from the action. He has only reinstated in me that I am where I need to be.

Please pray for the youth of Réunion. Pray for growth and that they have deep roots in the truth. They are the future, and we need youth. Please pray for the youth team that God strengthens them and gives them wisdom as they lead the next generation. Please pray for the team here. August will be very busy, and soon we will be spread across the Indian Ocean once more. Until next time!