

# The Betheline Monastery - God has answered our prayers!!!

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Dear McKnight Missions Committee and Elders,

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." Psalms 126.1-2.

After the discouragement in February, God has seen fit to finally deliver the Betheline Monastery into our hands! We have signed the purchase agreement! We are so grateful to God!

God never gives up on us, and we have learned to never give up on what He can do! In our 34 years in France, it has been a constant battle, for every soul, for every project. So why should it be any different with this one? We have seen God change lives over many years (Khaled - 8 years) and we have been praying and pursuing this project for 7 years! The setback in February was discouraging. But we continued to pray, fast, persevere and propose, and God found a way to bring the seller back to the table and to an agreement.

We are overwhelmed with joy and want to thank you again for accompanying us and supporting us so faithfully on this journey. We now have three months (till the end of October) to bring the necessary funds together for the purchase. I'll be back in touch on that, but for now I just wanted to share the good news and say thank you!

Together in the mission,  
Craig

Le 23 mars 2024 à 05:00, Craig Young <[cgyoung1187@gmail.com](mailto:cgyoung1187@gmail.com)> a écrit :

Dear McKnight Missions Committee and Elders (sorry I do not have all the email addresses),

It is hard for me to put this in writing. After all the prayers, uncounted hours of preparation and expressions of generosity, the seller has put on hold the sale of the monastery. It has made for a very difficult past six weeks. While we have had our ups and downs over the last 34 years, this news is hard to swallow. Still, as Paul writes in 2 Cor 4.8, 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.'

You have been so good to us. Before the details, we want to thank you so much for your partnership and generosity in helping to even make this project possible on our end. We pray that we will still see it come to fruition one day.

We had everything set and agreed on. But on the day we were supposed to sign, the seller modified a clause (potentially modifying the price). Unfortunately, of course, we do not control the integrity of those on the other side of the table in these transactions. Our notary public and lawyer stated that such a change was not acceptable and asked the seller to reword the clause. We expected the process to take a week and then we'd sign and be on our way.

That is why our communication with you has been on hold. We thought it would just be a matter of days. After two weeks we asked what was happening, and when we finally got an answer, the seller said they were waiting for a meeting with a lawyer on their side that will take place in another couple of weeks. After six weeks we have now finally received word that for the time being, while they figure things out, they have put the sale on hold. We continue to pray that things will work out, but clearly, it may take a long time.

So we have no choice but to put everything on hold on our end and ask you to please not send contributions for the monastery until we have a clear path forward. What is not on hold, of course, is continued prayer that despite the setbacks, God would open a way forward.

We thank you so much once again for your love, partnership and generosity, and especially your prayers at this time.

Together in the mission,  
Craig and Katie