

Marseille, France

Mission 2023



Craig and Katie Young

Generosity for a Generation



The Betheline Monastery

Dear McKnight Mission Committee

The church in St. Louis has blessed us now for over a generation! For 33 years to be exact.

You have been so generous to us!
Amazing! We are so grateful to God for you!

We want to take a few minutes to ask you to join us as we step out by faith with God into an opportunity that goes beyond what we could imagine.

Dear McKnight Mission Committee

We know that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine!

We are serving the God who raises the dead and calls into existence that which does not exist.

And we have seen Him at work in Marseille, over and over and over again.

Dear McKnight Mission Committee

We live and serve in what
is known as the 'Med Rim'.

Just a quick reminder...

Vive la France!



Our City:
Marseille,
home to
1.3 million.

Marseille, France

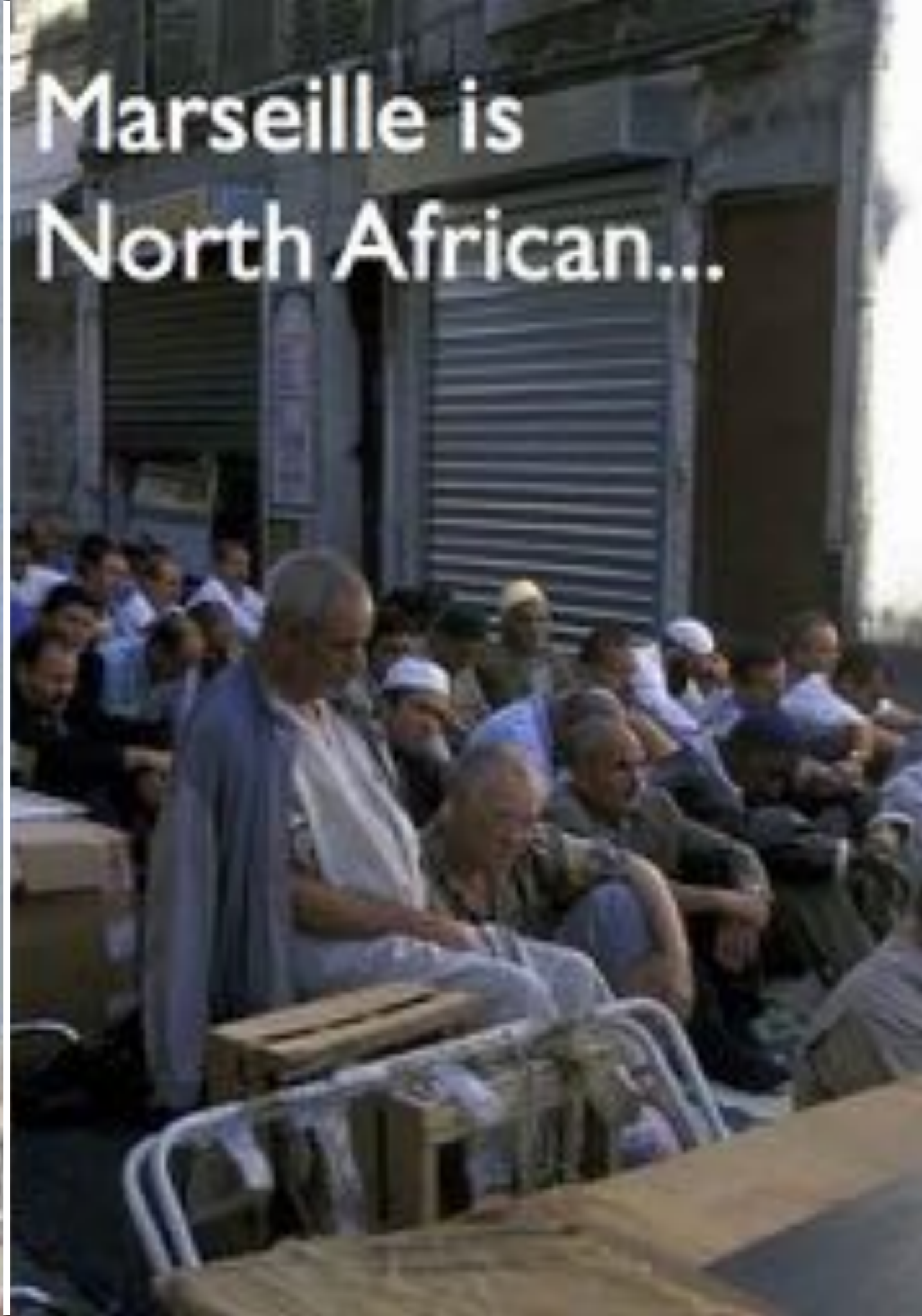
... with 2600 years of history!



Marseille is
European...



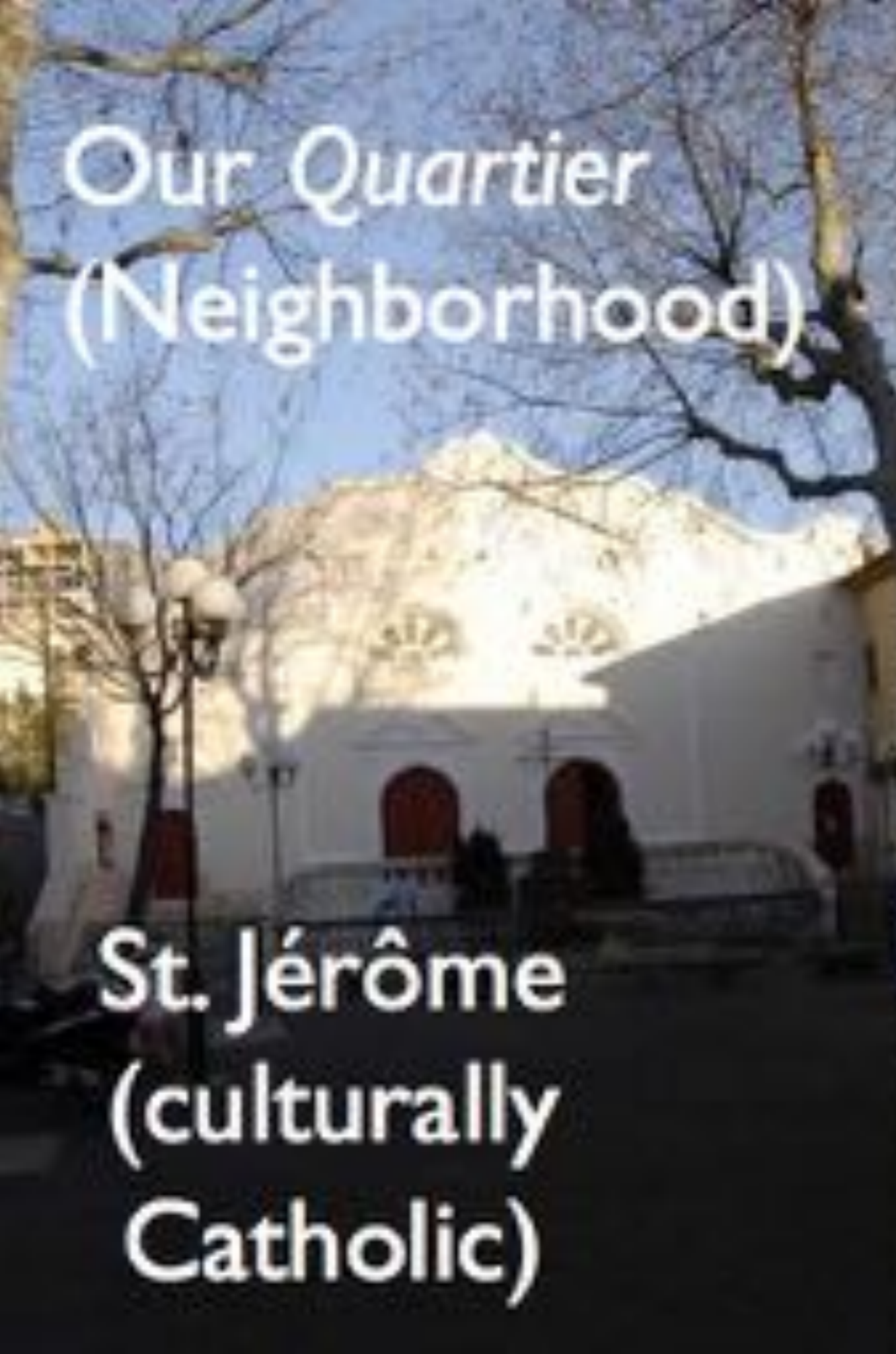
Marseille is
North African...



**Our Quartier
(Neighborhood)**

**St. Jérôme
(culturally
Catholic)**

**La Rose
(culturally
Muslim)**



In between:
The Chapelle de Fuveau





50% of our
neighborhood
Is North African



For 7 years we have been praying in pursuit of a dream - a Christian Center to host our missional hub in Marseille.

We have a **Generational Vision** for sharing the Gospel in Marseille.

In this mission context, we have **created ministry** and opportunity from the ground up.

Now at 60 years of age, God has opened a unique opportunity to us. For us, it's about **legacy**.

A **project of a lifetime** that will serve all those who come behind us, long after we are gone.

God took a **generation** to prepare us

We have a church reaching maturity and ready to « give birth » to a new community of faith.

We are running out of space at the Chapelle de Fuveau.

By the grace of God, we are thankful to look back on...

- 27 Harmony Bible camps
- 22 years of directing Goodfaith Retreat Center
- 27 CEM Summer Sessions
- 25 years of Christians on Mission
- 23 years of Harmony Chorus

God prepared an amazing team over a generation



Max & Prisca Dauner



Jeremiah & Brittney Hostetter and children



Philippe & Dolores Dauner & children



Khaled & Djedjiga Hassani & children



Romain Sikaly



Patricia Hézard

With more to come!
We have a web
of relationships!



We have young adults
on mission!



And teens on their tail!



In a city **rich in history**, we are seeking a property rich in history.

We are seeking to **create** a place in Marseille...

Where we can, in one place, **pursue our vision**, **regroup our multi-faceted mission** while allowing us to **insure the future** of the work.

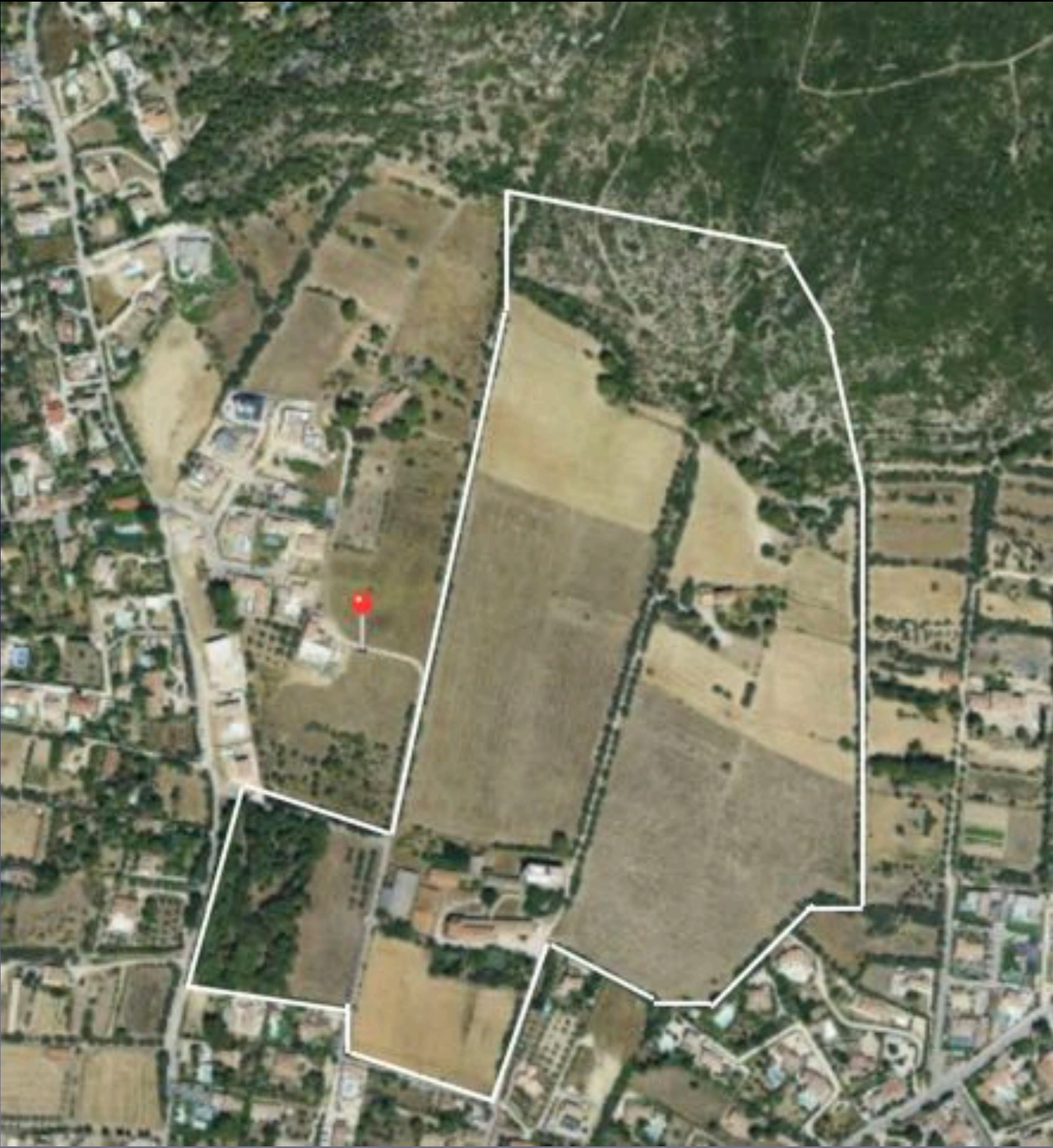
We envision a **Christian Center in the city:**

- to host **multiple youth activities**
- to host **Bible Camps, Spiritual Retreats, Seminars** and **Conferences**
- to launch a **new church planting**
- to offer **intensive spiritual training** (CEM)
- to serve as a hub for **different Christian communities** in Marseille
- to **celebrate mariages** and **baptisms** (chapel)
- to **protect God's creation** (Ecological center and educational farm)
- to **promote music ministry, artistic expression** and host **concerts**.
- to **provide counselling** and **care for the elderly**.

Notice: We are praying that this project come to fruition. We have not yet obtained building permits for our project. We meet with the city commission Thursday Nov 16th! Please pray!



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Continue reading...



The Betheline
Monastery:

55 acres
in the city!

45 for
Agriculture

10 for our
Mission
Project

**The Betheline Monastery...
As far as the eye can see - to the cross!**





10 acres of land

The Betheline
Monastery:

Our 10
Acres of
Interest

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The Betheline Monastery**

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The Betheline Monastery - drone view



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The Betheline Monastery

A question you may not have considered...

How is this possible? How could it be that we have the opportunity to purchase such a coveted place - an historic monastery, with a huge amount of land - in the city of Marseille, and use it for the Kingdom of God???

This is **the hand of God**, working in detail to open doors we were sure were shut. Calling literally into existence that which did not exist!

We are in awe, we are on the march, and we need your help!

The Betheline Monastery

Inside the 100 year old chapel



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10 acres of land

Secondary buildings

- 4000 sq ft
- Large meeting room
- Full laundry facilities

The Monastery

- 16,590 sq ft
- Chapel seating 100
- Full kitchen
- Multiple meeting rooms
- 100 beds (2nd, 3rd floor)



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The Monastery - Cost Investment

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Renovation costs = 800,000€

TOTAL COST = 2,200,000€

Or \$2,330,000

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Where we stand

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We already have commitments of **\$1,398,000!**

We are seeking to raise **\$932,000.**

For this **once in a generation project**, we are asking for **generational gifts.**

Large contributions (one-time or spread out over time)
in any form (cash or stock).

Every contribution counts, large or small!

The Betheline Monastery



**You may have ideas!
You may have other sources of help.
We are listening. Let us know!**

**We are so grateful to God
for your consideration!**

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La Betheline Monastery

Max and Prisca
Dauner



The Dauner Family



The Hassani Family



The Hostetter Family





An overview of what God has been doing among us over the past year.













































A SOCIÀ
L'ASSOCIACIÓ DE
MUNICIPALITATS DE
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Procediment de
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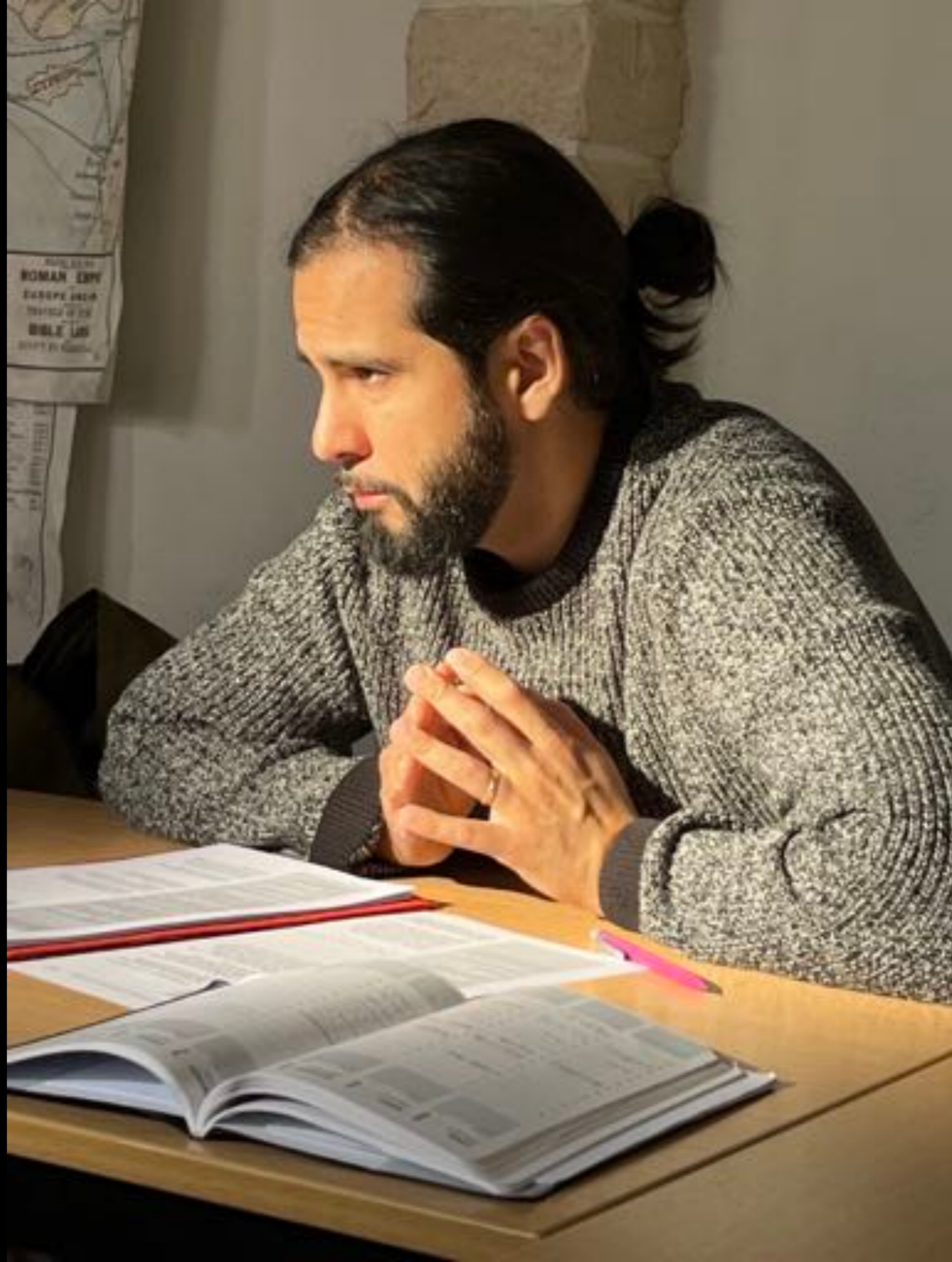




























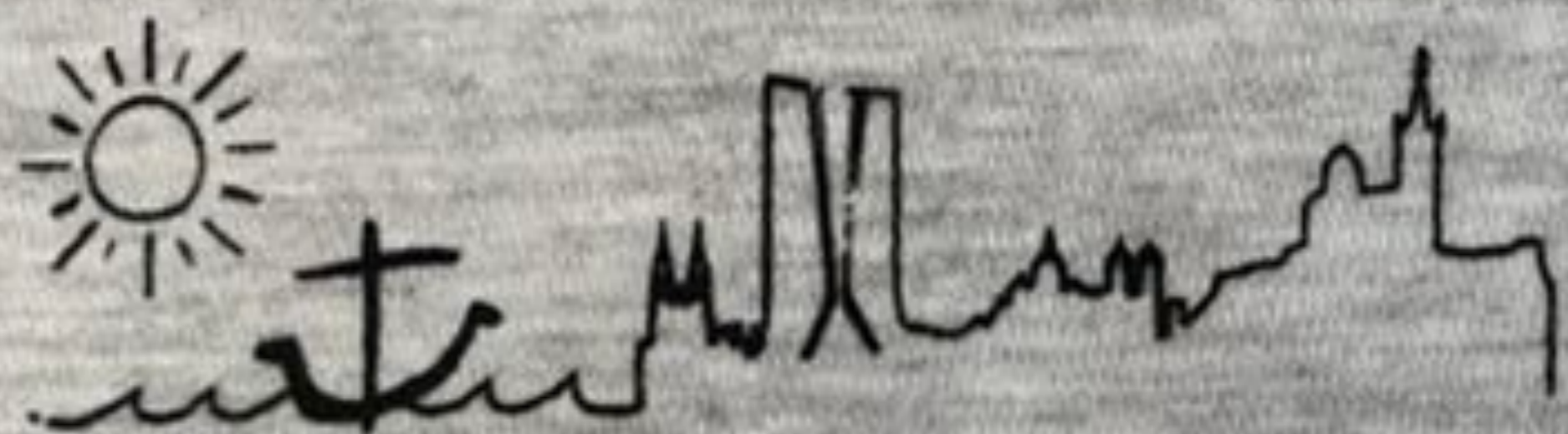












CHRÉTIENS EN MISSION

Stage d'été 2023

Marseille, France



















Colonie



Harmonie

Colonie de vacances chrétienne





COLONIE HARMONIE





















Live (x)



Slide with prayer requests to finish



Harmony Bible Camp Ardèche, France



« God sent me here. »



The
Pharaoh
and
Joseph



Esther's girls



Big/little brothers



Big/little sisters





Concert at the village church



Remembering God's promises







Accepting God's
promises:
Eleftina - Ukraine



Mila:
No home to return to.



Christians on Mission 2023

Andréa, Rania, Patricia, Prisca, Mila, Marvin, Quentin



Mila was a great blessing
for the Ukrainian girls:

Polina



God sent **Nadia** here.





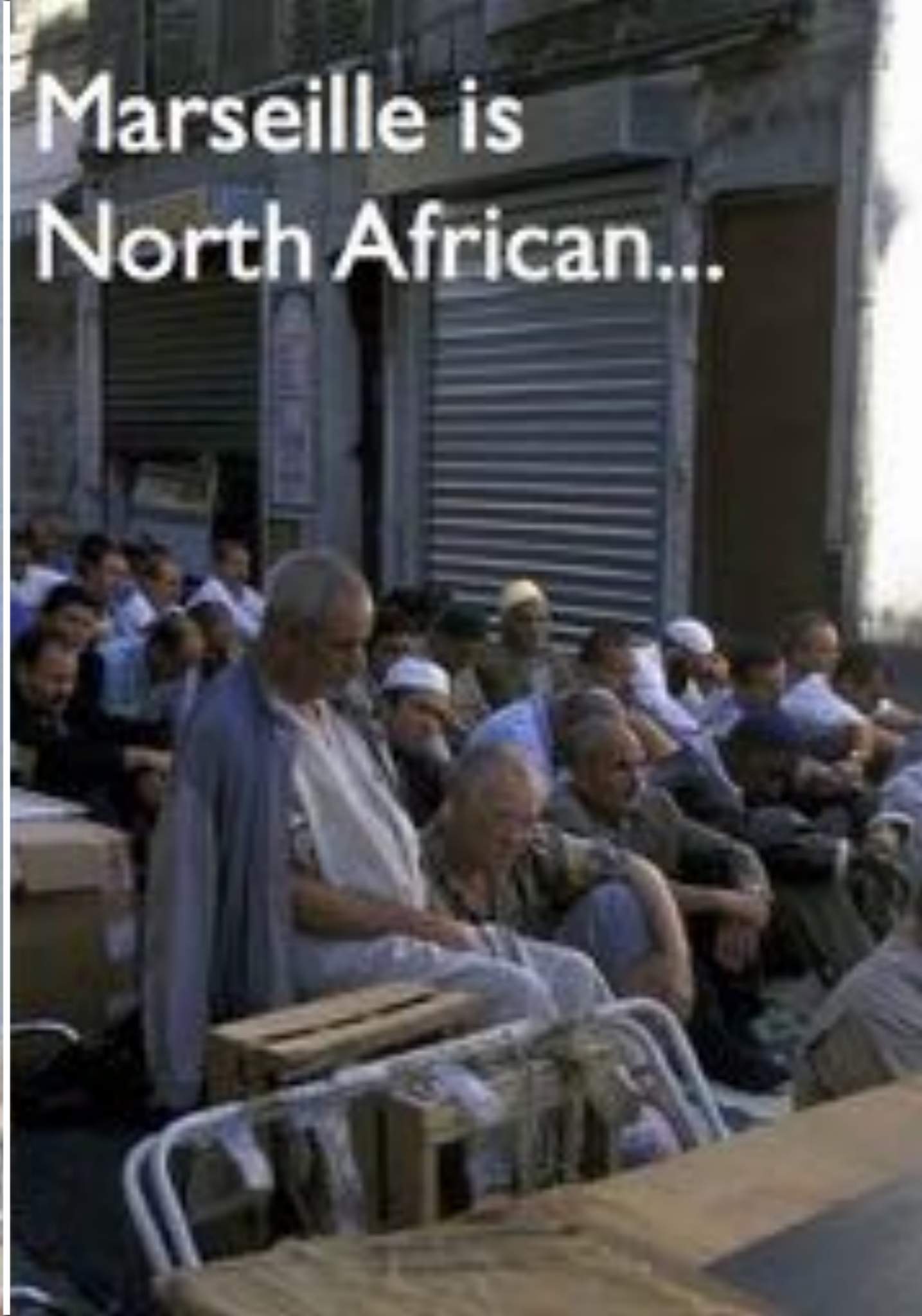




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Chapelle de Fuveau



God

Sent

Me

Here

Craig and Katie



Emilie and Esther



Jackson, Esther, Katie, Craig, Emilie, Rob















Hand-drawn sign with the name **NASHIFA** in large, colorful letters. The sign is decorated with various drawings and text, including:

- Top left: "I love you"
- Top center: A heart with "I love you" written inside.
- Top right: "I love you" written vertically in red.
- Bottom left: "God love" with a drawing of a flower.
- Bottom center: "I love you" written in red.
- Bottom right: "I love you" written in blue.



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