

Hi everyone!

On September 20th, I finally started my Bible School at YWAM Provence! This 5-month-training will prepare me for my work in Uganda later on. But before I got to France, a lot happened over the summer, more on that in the newsletter.

Arabic?!

In Uganda, many refugees from (South-)Sudan speak Arabic dialects. So, I started learning Egyptian Arabic 3 months ago (because it's related to those dialects).

It will take a while before I can actually carry a conversation, but I'm learning the basics. Meanwhile I continue to learn Luganda and French, the journey will stay interesting!



Learning Arabic online: I found a very good teacher for Egyptian Arabic through YouTube. I hope to take classes with him soon.

The miracle of 9€

In Uganda, friends of mine (Pastor Joseph and his wife Reggis) were expecting a baby.

They would need a c-section, but how would they afford it? I encouraged Joseph to ask his local community for support. That wasn't easy: Leaders rarely show vulnerability in his culture, and people often have a victim mindset – they think „I can't help, anyway“.

But Joseph still dared to take the step, and set several miracles in motion:

- **Locals started giving.** On the first day, they collected around 9€. These people who only earn around 35€ a month realized, that they have the power to help
- **The invisible barrier between leader and follower began to break:** Suddenly, people were praying together like never before. There is much more trust
- **A donor came forward to pay the full medical bill.** They sent the money via an intermediary organization directly to the hospital in Uganda

Then it was time, and we welcomed a new baby girl: They named her “Natania” (which means “gift from God”).



Joseph and Reggis with baby Natania, right after the birth

Carried in the middle of the pain

At first, the baby seemed healthy. She was about to be discharged.

But then came the tragedy: Natania was vomiting and had bloody diarrhea. The donations for the hospital were there, good doctors did their best, and many people prayed. But sadly, Natania didn't make it: She had a hole in her stomach and the acid had damaged her organs too much. **She died after 8 days.**

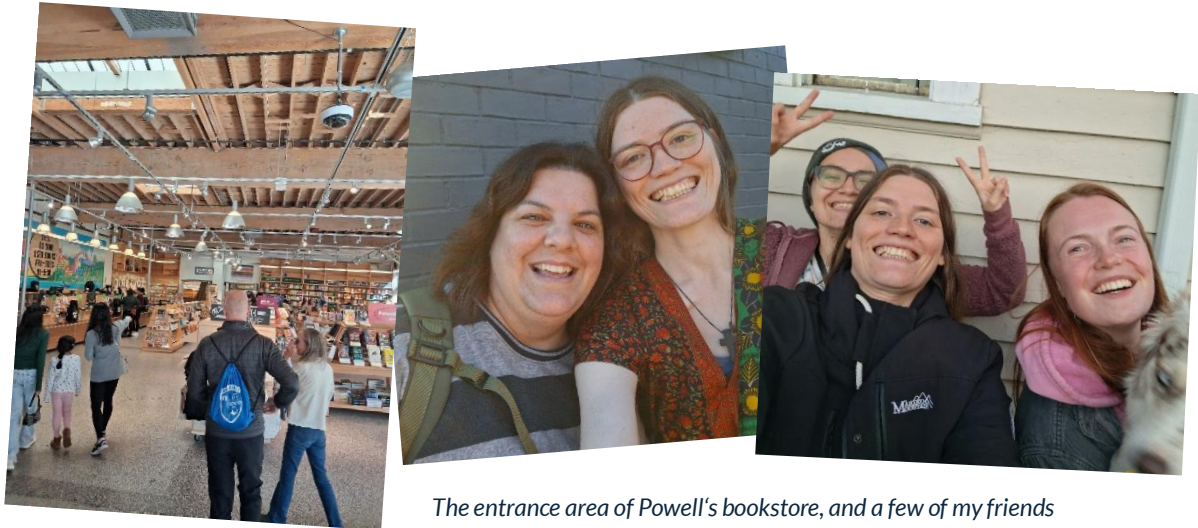


Many people came to Natania's burial

Why would God allow such a thing? We don't know. And yet, the previous miracles aren't made invalid. Joseph und Reggis are currently experiencing deep support from their church and community. **We can pray that the parents would continue to be comforted, and that God will even use this terrible loss** to one day bring a blessing into the world.

Vacation in the US: lessons from the waves

Starting end of August, I went to visit friends and family in the US for 3 weeks. I did things like cleaning up grandma's garden, visiting a giant book store, or watching over the top cooking shows.



The entrance area of Powell's bookstore, and a few of my friends

The last week before I left, my mom also came, and we took a day trip with grandma to the Oregon coast. As I was walking on the beach, I was deeply moved by the following thought: **No matter how bad the world gets, there will always also be beauty.**

Somewhere, there's a place where seagulls laugh, children build a sand castle, and where the waves roll to shore. **Related to that, another thing came to mind: In light of eternity, our problems are so small. By the ocean, you feel that sense of perspective like hardly anywhere else.**



Nye Beach at the Oregon coast: The waves rolled to shore here before humans existed, and will continue to do so after we are all gone

Starting my DTS (Bible School) in France!

My DTS (Discipleship Training School) started last week with YWAM Provence. The area is beautiful and we as a team are getting along well. I struggle with my fatigue at times, but in general, I'm adapting well. I'm looking forward to what God will do.

God bless you,



DTS group at YWAM Provence: 8 students, 4 staff, as well as alternating guest speakers and translators

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Prayer Requests

Thank God for:

- DTS starting well
- Vacation in the US

Ask God for:

- Comfort for Joseph and Reggis
- Success at learning languages
- Strength for the DTS

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