

How can you help?

You can support us in **prayer** : that we may be wise caretakers of our new church building and put it to good use - that the growth and development of our church would demonstrate how God is at work in our city.

You can **contribute financially**, either:
- directly (by cheque or bank transfer), or
- by making a pledge by using the coupon to be found below

The church's bank details:

Bank : Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne
Code Banque:15589 ; Guichet: 35121; Compte : 01319463043 - Clé 25
IBAN : FR76 1558 9351 2101 3194 6304 325

Branch : C C M RENNES LIBERTE

Account holder : Église Protestante
Evangélique de Rennes Sud

French taxpayers: a tax receipt will be issued.
U.S. and U.K donors : please refer to annex for tax-efficient means of giving (available for download on the church's website).

Pledge Coupon

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 One-off donation of €
 Regular donation of €
 Periodicity:
 Duration:

Your name :

Address :

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Telephone :

Email :

Description of the new building

The premises are located on the ground floor of a new office building situated on a major road.

The overall surface is 300 m2 and comprises a main hall seating 150, several adjacent rooms (nursery, Sunday School rooms, pastor's study) and an entry hall with a small kitchen where refreshments can be served.

You can find more details on our website www.aere.asso.fr.

Financial details

Thanks to the help of the Rennes city authorities the cost is below market prices, but it is still considerable. The total is **719 000 €** comprising:
- Purchase of the building: 531 000€
- Transaction tax : 11 000 €
- Interior construction : 177 000 €

The church had around 100 000 € of savings and has subscribed a mortgage for the rest.

Church members have committed to a significant increase of their offerings which have already steadily climbed over recent years.

We think the growth of the church should enable us to cover the repayment costs in the medium term. However over the first five years, we will need the financial support of external donors desirous to encourage the expansion of the kingdom of God in the city of Rennes.

South Rennes :

a church which is growing ...

with your help



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Who are we ?

South Rennes is a Protestant evangelical church created in 1978. We are in partnership with France Mission and a member church of the French Evangelical Federation (FEF) and of the National Council of the French Evangelicals.

Our church is currently composed of almost 60 members, and Sunday morning attendance is approximately 100.



In addition to weekly services, we strive to cultivate individual spiritual growth and create fellowship through cell groups and other activities.

Our church is also keen on making an impact beyond church walls through outreach, social actions and the support of missionaries.

Roger and Noro RAJAOBELINA are our pastoral couple since 1999.

Rennes and its surroundings

Rennes is a city in constant expansion. The Rennes metropolitan area presently comprises 400 000 inhabitants, of whom 210 000 live in the city itself. By the year 2015, an additional 60 000 inhabitants are expected.

However, there are only a very few evangelical churches in the area. Several community churches are confronted with the problem of insufficient space that limits church growth.

The Need for a Larger Venue

Between 1981 and 2012, we rented a venue that could hold 60 people. In recent years, we have outgrown this capacity, so much so that we avoided using this venue more than a few Sunday each year.

In addition, we learned that our rented venue would soon be demolished to allow for new urban development in the neighborhood.

All our efforts to find a new meeting place – either to purchase or to rent – proved fruitless over a long period of time.

Over the past several years, we held our worship services in various rented community halls each Sunday. This was not a robust solution as we could not obtain long term rental agreements and sometimes all available venues were booked.

Furthermore, this nomadic existence made it hard for people, especially newcomers, to find us, and weakened the church's presence in the community.

Our vision for a new venue

We want our church to be visible and accessible to all. Because of this, we have prayed that our church's venue be easily accessible by public transportation, meaning not beyond the main city limits.

We hope our new venue will enable the church to continue to develop.

The building project

In 2006, church leaders from the South Rennes church along with the Vice President of the FEF met with the Mayor of Rennes, who was receptive to our request for help in finding a solution to our need for premises.

In July 2008 the city published details of a sale by tender of a plot of land in the south of Rennes destined for the construction of an office building. The announcement specified that the developer would be required to set apart 300 m² for our church at a favorable price. This was at last a first answer to our prayers!

Thanks be to God, a bank accepted to grant us a mortgage, which we did not take for granted... and after a couple of months of construction, we moved into our new premises in January 2013.

We now have to ensure the financing of the building, which remains a big challenge for our assembly.

**Rennes Sud Protestant Evangelical Church
Building Project**

Annex : Tax-efficient giving for U.K., U.S. and Canadian residents

U.K., U.S. and Canadian residents can contribute financially to the church's building project by making a direct transfer into the church's bank account, details of which may be found on the flyer. However, in this case we are unable to provide a tax receipt.

In order to enable you to give in a more tax-efficient way, France Mission, the association of churches to which we belong, suggests the following :

U.K. Residents

Please address your donation to **FRANCE MISSION TRUST** (Registered Charity Number 267979) at the following address:

France Mission Trust
The Old Chapel
Chapel Lane
Minchinhampton
Glos. GL6 9DL (UK).

Please make it clear that the gift is for the *Rennes Sud Church Building Project*.

Further details including Gift Aid forms may be found on their website at:
<http://www.france-mission.org>

U.S. Residents

Please send your donation to the **Christian Community Foundation of France** which is run by David Broussard, indicating that the gift is for the *Rennes Sud Church Building Project (France Mission)*.

Tax receipts can be provided, please contact David Broussard directly. Contact details are given below.

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Canadian Residents

Please send your donation as a cheque to the **'Union des Eglises Baptistes Françaises'** which has a partnership agreement with France Mission, indicating that the gift is for the *Rennes Sud Church Building Project (France Mission)*.

A tax receipt will be provided.

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