

Corsica calling

My name is Amy and I have recently returned from Corsica. Please don't be beguiled into thinking that the decision to give up a teaching job that I loved and move abroad was an easy decision. Much prayer and thought went into taking this step. Not long before I chose to resign I heard a minister say that faith could be spelt in a different way - R I S K - and I knew that the time to act had arrived. I began to put out feelers regarding what to do. I had been involved and interested in European missions for some time. I contacted the British Council to enquire about teaching posts abroad. Although I had missed the deadline for France I was encouraged to apply. Within a few days I had been offered a teaching job in Corsica (which had been my first regional choice.) I knew that I would want to have opportunities to serve God whilst there and so I met with Peter Milsom to discuss the possibility of linking with UFM - a vocational role with a gospel intention. I cannot overstate how encouraging that meeting proved to be and how blessed I was to have the prayer support of the UFM family whilst abroad. Philippians 1v.19 tells us that through prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to Paul will turn out for his deliverance. All the divine opportunities in Corsica were a result of prayer and the Holy Spirit's enabling and prompting.

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