

Lecture 21: L'Abri Is Born

Review and Introduction: Professor Barrs continues to review the events that led to the development of the L'Abri ministry. The last lecture ended with the notice from the Swiss government for the Schaeffers to leave the country. In this lecture, Professor Barrs tells us how the Lord provided for the Schaeffers, moving them to a perfect place to do the work they believed He wanted them to do.

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I. Notified to Leave

- A. Notice on February 2 to be gone by March 31
- B. Really the best thing
- C. Important issue: they maintained the work

II. God Begins to Answer

- A. Contact with Mr. Andre, the lawyer
- B. Comfort from the Word (Isaiah 30:17, 20, 21; *Tapestry*, page 412)
- C. The consul—a high school friend
- D. Discovery of what was needed in order to stay
 - 1. A house in a different canton
 - 2. Village approval to live in the house
 - 3. Financial arrangements completed
 - 4. The commune needed to approve and apply to the canton
 - 5. The federal government must annul the verdict against them
- E. Professor and Mrs. Czerny
- F. Last day to look for a house
 - 1. Real estate agent on the street
 - 2. Village: Huemoz
 - 3. Edith's prayer for \$1000 by 10:00 a.m. the next day
- G. Letter from Helen and Art Salisbury
- H. Canton official a good friend of Mr. Ex.
- I. Out of Valais by midnight—sympathy with refugees

III. Swiss Law

IV. Midnight March 31, 1955—L'Abri Begins

- A. "First L'Abri meal"
- B. The fog clears
- C. Similarity to the English branch
- D. April 2—first service: "Put Your Feet in Jordan"
- E. New people come (*Tapestry*, pages 428-429)

V. The Down Payment

- A. Write or pray?
- B. Permit arrives, June 21: "annulled"