

"I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6b



Fountain at Versailles

Praises and Prayers

Praises:

- *The Lord led us to a wonderful church in Paris called C3 where they speak French and English. It reminds us of our church in Canada.*
- *Progress in French.*
- *Good health.*
- *Minimum amount of culture shock.*
- *The Lord's abundant grace and unending mercies when we're missing home.*
- *God's abundant provision for us through you, our gracious partners. We are blessed! Thank you for your prayers and support.*

Prayers:

- *Joshua's adjustment to college in the fall—he will change classes for each subject, which is something new.*
- *We'd love to have some French friends with whom we can speak. Living in the dorm and shyness in speaking French make this a challenge.*
- *Continued progress in French.*
- *Preparations for going to Cameroon (visa, shipping our belongings, shots, etc.)*

Thanks, Donald Hultstrom, for suggesting our newsletter title for this month. We met Donald, Laura and their two boys at Wycliffe Training Camp, and they are now in Southeast Asia.

Nous Parlons Français!

Yes, it's actually true—we do speak French! And we're hoping to speak it even better in December. Our over-40 brains are not soaking in the language nearly as fast as Josh's and Caleb's are, but we keep trying.

We have completed three sessions of French language study (22 weeks) here at Les Cèdres. Kevin started from scratch and had a great teacher. He wishes he could progress faster, but his cheerful attitude makes learning fun for the whole class! I (Jann) enjoy and do pretty well with writing and with grammar, but I sure would love to speak better. At least I'm not afraid to go shopping any more. ☺

We have classes in the morning

and afternoon in reading, listening, speaking and writing, and once a week we have a class in biblical French. We also enjoy having chapel in French every day where we hear messages from guest speakers and fellow students.

While school is in session, we stay very busy with studies. It's nice to have a small grocery store just a 5-minute walk from the dorm, and there's a Cora (like a WalMart superstore) about 10 minutes away. In between sessions, we take advantage of being in France, and we go see the sights. (See pictures on the back.) Paris is just



New Friends and Fellow Students: (L to R) Helma, the Hacketts, the Andersons, the Bradfords. These are other Wycliffe folks either headed to or already in Cameroon.

a 30-minute train ride away.

Kevin will be taking a three-week summer session in July while Jann and the boys do some homeschooling and French study on their own. The fall session starts September 2.

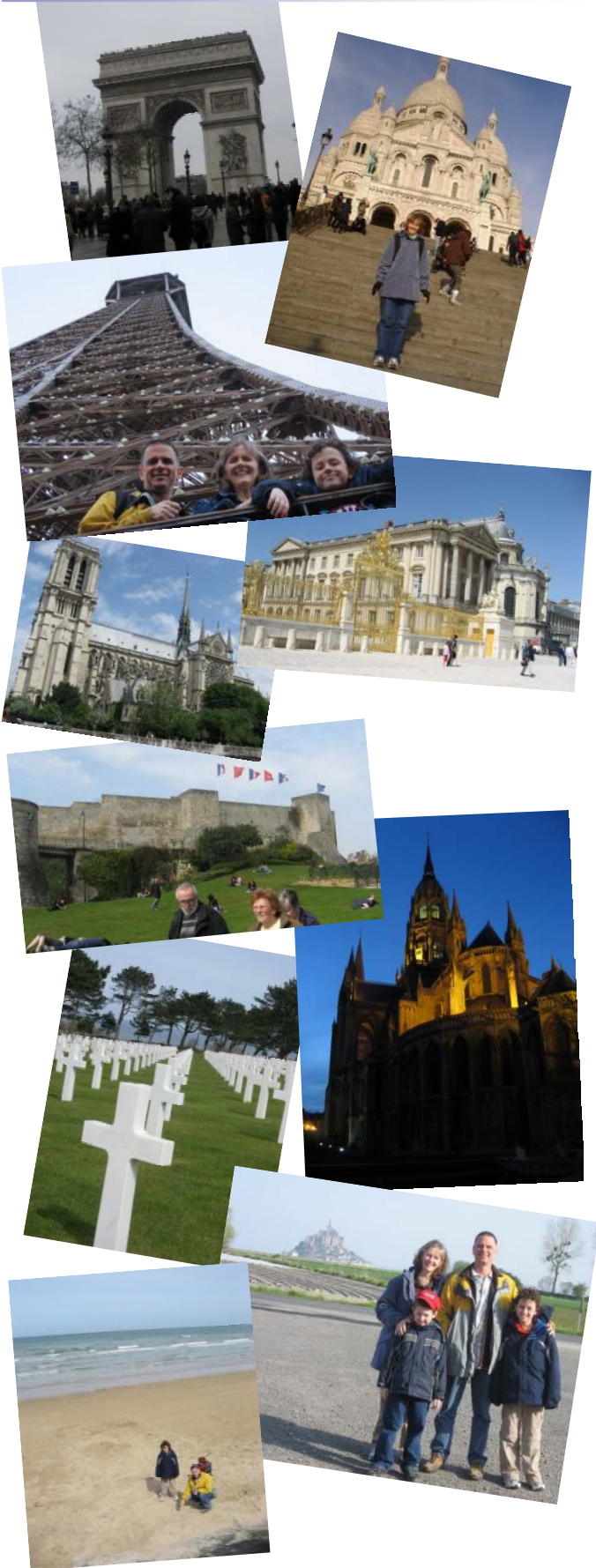
Josh and Caleb



We are very proud of Josh and Caleb for persevering in their adjustment and their studies at French public school. They spent half their school day with a French teacher, and she has had wonderful things to say about their progress. Since January, they have mostly been focusing on French and Math, so we will be doing some catch up on other subjects this sum-

mer...as well as having fun! This fall, Caleb will be spending less time with the French teacher and more time in his regular 3rd grade class. Josh has finished at the elementary school and will attend 6th grade at "collège" (middle school) this fall. He's been having fun telling his cousins and friends back home that he's going to college in the fall!

Where We've Been



Impact of the Gospel in the Mother Tongue

We are learning French because it is the most commonly used national language of Cameroon where we will be going, Lord willing, early next year. Kevin will be working in computer-aided Bible translation and Jann will be helping with the parent-run co-op school where the boys will go. We are going to Cameroon so that one day all the 260+ people groups there will have the Scriptures in their own language.

Following is a quote from a Badwe'e man who was reading the Gospel of Mark in his language in 2008.

“This word has been accomplished right in front of us! SIL

has liberated us from the grip of foreign languages and cultures. Now we can worship God in our language! Often, when we worshipped God in foreign languages and cultures, we always resembled soccer players who were trying to win a game on someone else's playing field, where the home team always had a certain advantage over the visitors. But now we can worship this God in our culture. We know from now on that the God of Israel, the All-powerful God, is also the God of the Badwe'e people. This is the accomplishing of this prophetic word.”

(Source: Wycliffe's Insite website, “Quotes Worth Communicating.”)

Tidbits on France

- On one of Kevin's tests, instead of writing “inépuisable” (God is “limitless”), he wrote “épuisant” (God is “exhausting”)!
- Only about 2% of the people in France are evangelical Christians.
- Joshua's friend at school couldn't believe that the U.S. was in the World Cup soccer finals. (So was Cameroon.) We even lasted longer than France!
- The French don't ask personal questions as a way of getting to know people.



Where We've Been

Top to Bottom, Left to Right:
L'Arc de Triomphe, Sacré Cœur, La Tour Eiffel, Versailles, Notre Dame, William the Conqueror's Fortress, Bayeux Cathedral, American Cemetery in Normandy, Mont Saint-Michel, the Normandy beaches.

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