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Dear «Greeting»,

In the time it took me to write this letter, **15 students in France tried to take their lives and one succeeded**. Since so few French college students know Christ or have any credible exposure to believers, they are now listed as an official “unreached people group.”

Students’ parents stopped being Catholic a generation ago because they didn’t see the church make a difference in their parents’ (students’ grandparents’) lives. So it has been a couple generations of French people who are spiritually flat-lined. They are raised to hope in themselves. Those who do believe in God are deistic—“maybe there is a God out there, but he is not involved in the world today and he is definitely not involved in my life.”

Some dare to continue believing in humanitarianism, though many are realizing that even humanity can’t make a difference in the world. They aren’t putting their hope in government and they aren’t hoping in economics or career advancement like many American students.

Without Jesus Christ, they are truly without hope and many students are clinically depressed.

In Paris, there are 500,000 students. Five hundred thousand students. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

I am excited to help lead a team to bring the “good news of great joy that will be for all the people” and be a small part of sending Americans and French students to reach students in Paris.

Outreach in Paris is somewhat similar to Boston – big city, metro ministry, but more than that, we will encounter similar attitudes, worldviews, and apologetic questions relating to Jesus. Our team will get experience in initiative evangelism which directly relates to the way we want students to step out in faith here in Boston, too.

\$1,600 pays for me or another student to go to Paris. **Would you consider a real Christmas gift to students in Paris?** Would you consider a gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,600 or some other amount toward our trip? Thanks so much for considering it.

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

In Christ’s Abounding Love,