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More than 80 students attended our “New Year’s Camp” for 5 days December 28th – January 1st in the French Alps. The “camp” was a lot like a retreat or a winter conference. The main speaker was a French pastor from Lyon. His four messages were from Isaiah. A translator that sat in our group doing a simultaneous translation helped some of the English speakers. Singing was led by staff and students from all around France. How great it is to sing praises to God!

I think six of the students who came were not Christians. Lisa, a student from Nantes, became a Christian on the second day. I haven’t heard about the others.

All of us piled into cars and a bus to go to Chambéry for our day of outreach. It’s a small city nearby our camp location. We had four different types of things we were doing for our outreach. One group sang and another went door to door doing spiritual interest surveys. A third group took portable DVD players and a DVD of short films. Maybe sometime I can tell you more about how we use these.

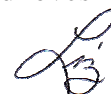
I was in the forth group that used Soularium. We had 50 pictures in a photo album. We approached people and explained we were with a Christian Group staying in the area for a conference and that we’d come to Chambéry to talk to people about God and spiritual things for the day. Then we asked if they would have some time to talk to us. We approached 5 different people or groups and three of them talked to us. We gave them the album to look at and asked them three questions about their life and view of God.

We had great conversations as they shared with us what they think and why. What they thought about God varied greatly. It is so important that we listen well, which was very challenging as we were conversing in French. Sometimes I could only catch the idea without the full essence of their meaning.

In addition to talking with these people on the day of outreach, connecting with people at the camp was the highlight for me. These connections included leading a two-hour seminar with the American STINTers and individual conversations about discipleship, fulltime ministry, and hearing testimonies. I enjoyed a heart-to-heart talk with a student as we stood taking in the beauty of the mountains, late night conversations, and more.

It is a privilege to invest my life so that others can know God’s love. Thanks for your prayers and contributions that make it possible.

Because God loves me,



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