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Dear Greeting,

Last Thursday on my first day of French class in Toulouse, my teacher walked in the door and started speaking in French. There was no introduction or anything in English. About the only English word she has said to us is "homework." She wanted to be sure we understood that! ☺ So here I am in my room doing my homework for tomorrow.

There are 11 of us in class, and I am the only American. Our ages range from nineteen to fifty-six.



In our class I can understand most things that are being said. That is not true out on the streets or shopping. As I told a friend, this is basically what I hear: "Blah, blah, blah, car. Blah, blah, blah, blah, over there. Blah, blah, blah the children. Blah, blah, blah." I'm excited for the day when the words I recognize are greater than the "blah, blah, blah's!"

Almost every day while walking around the city, I pray for God to have mercy on the French. I have been praying for him to bring a spiritual awakening among this generation of college students in France. I am asking Him to raise up a movement among the students to take the good news to the rest of France and to the world. Praying is important work, and I want to be sure to keep it in the forefront of my life even while I am learning the language.



This is the apartment building where I am living with Noëlla, my French Campus Crusade for Christ staff friend. We are on the third floor.

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Learning lots,