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Dear «Greeting»,

A few minutes ago I heard Francis Didier share about God's work throughout France. Francis is a Frenchman and is the director of all of Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) in France. He addressed the American and French projects together – thanking us for coming and for taking the initiative to tell people in Nantes about Christ.

He went on to talk about how this is an exciting time to be ministering in France. The churches are growing (number of evangelical churches has grown from one thousand 20 years ago to two thousand today). Most churches have about thirty-five people. People are open to talking about God and non-Christians are going to evangelical churches to see what they are like.

Fourteen new staff and interns are joining CCC this year from France (not just coming from outside of France). In the thirty-six years that CCC has been in France we have never seen so many fulltime laborers raised up in one year.

What he shared was right in line with my own experience. I am very convinced that the next twenty years will be an exciting time to be involved in ministry in France. We are not yet seeing the full harvest that I think is coming, but we are seeing signs of God's work in people's lives.

When I have had the opportunity to talk with people about God many of the students say they don't believe in God. The funny thing is that they still think about Him. Emmanuel says he doesn't believe in God, but keeps spending time with one of the Americans here on project and asking him questions.

Our theme verse for the project is Colossians 1:6. All over the world the gospel is bearing fruit – even here in France. These are a few of the people who have come to Christ this year:

In Nantes	Lisa
In Aix en Provence	three students
In Montpellier	Emilie
In Toulouse	Sebastien, Wendy
In Lyon	Eléonore

Thank you for sharing in this year of ministry in France. It has been great to be a part of God's work here and I can't help but wish I could see first hand all that will take place here in the coming years. Yet at the same time I am excited to be returning to my ministry in the Northeast developing leaders and raising up Christ-centered laborers who will take the gospel all over the world.

Celebrating the Lord's work,



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