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Dear «Greeting»,

You may recall I wrote to you about starting an English Club in the fall. By December I knew I needed to make a change. It just was not working as I wanted it to. Finally last month, Raymond (man on the right in the 2<sup>nd</sup> photo), a graduate student involved with our ministry, and I were able to start something that is working better.

He has been taking other students (like Patrick the man on the right in the 3<sup>rd</sup> photo) into the dorms to share the gospel. In that process he met people interested in practicing their English and who like films. They are in different places spiritually but are at least open to talking about God. Putting all that together we started sponsoring a short films night.

After we view a short film (5 minutes or so) we break into groups for discussion. We have a French group and an English group. We usually show two films each time. It's been great and we know the students really enjoy the time because they asked if we could have one again this Monday even though it's a school holiday and we weren't going to meet.

One gal in my group, **Li**, has expressed some belief in God, but told Raymond early on that she was not a Christian. **Hang** is not a Christian, but I'm not sure what she thinks. In my first discussion with **Monah** he kept pointing out that different religions have different beliefs and did not seem to know what to do with that. By beliefs he was really referring to things like it's okay to drink or it's not okay. He was not talking about God, the afterlife, etc. It sounded a little bit like he wanted to be justified in his behavior, but I'm not really sure. He talks a lot and is very opinionated, but it's hard to sort out what's happening in his heart. **Yizhou** has been quite open about not believing in God, but he told me he has read some of the Bible. He is fine with us sharing about our beliefs. A few others have popped in and out during the evenings. Please pray for these four to be able to have ears to hear the gospel and to believe.

Each week in the midst of the discussion someone has been able to share their testimony and sometimes even more of the gospel. It's been great having a couple people that I am able to come alongside even for this brief time on their spiritual journey.

I'd like you to meet a few of my friends. The 4<sup>th</sup> photo is of my friends who I've met socially to practice my French and their English. This photo was taken at an old farm we visited one weekend last month. Lisa is a few years younger than I am and Linda is her 11 year old daughter. The others in the photo are their friends and family.

In addition to the film night with students I'm busily preparing for the Nantes summer project, coaching the STINTers, and working on my 4<sup>th</sup> seminary class online. It's been great. It's hard to believe the year is almost over. I just bought my plane ticket; I fly into Boston on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for partnering with me this year in France. We are helping build movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. I love that we are making a difference!

Because God is still at work,



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