

October 11, 2007

Dear «greeting»,

I can already tell that I am going to especially like one of my roles with the national campus team here in Toulouse, France: connecting with the short-term international teams. We have two this year. One of them is in **Nantes** which is located north of here. That is the team pictured in my September letter with which I attended the “in-country” briefing.

The second team is in Montpellier.
A week and a half ago I took the train to Montpellier to welcome them and go through the in-country briefing I had just received myself last month. In addition to covering the needed material, we had a great time learning our way around together and meeting students.

Since then, I have been in touch with them daily as they do what it takes to set up for their year of life and ministry in France. For example they must open bank accounts, get cell phones, find housing, and take the next step in the visa process. All of this is very time-consuming but important for them to have a successful year. Other than the fact that one of the gals inadvertently showed up with an expired visa and will need to take a quick 2 or 3 day trip back to the states, things are going smoothly. On Wednesday the 10th they decided on an apartment and are busily taking care of the paper work so they can get moved in and out of the hotel they've been in. Considering they have only been here eleven days, they are doing great!

Listening to them process their decisions, praying for them over the phone, offering perspective on the Lord and their circumstances, and encouraging them in what they are doing are all part of what it has meant for me to “connect” with them. **Please join with me in praying for Laura, Kelli, and Claire that:**

- 1) they will walk deeply with God
- 2) have good communication with each other
- 3) have wisdom in making decisions
- 4) God will guide them as they learn about the students and campuses.

Thank you for joining with me in helping French students know Jesus.

Because God is merciful,

