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Dear Greeting,

As I hung up the phone with Laura, I thought, “I love what I get to do.” Laura is leading the American STINT team in Montpellier for the year and is one of the team leaders I’m coaching. She is from Wisconsin and is a 2007 graduate.



*Laura in the Botanical Garden in Montpellier, France*

After beginning our conversation by sharing some of our experiences of living in France we dove in to talking about various aspects of the ministry. In the context of talking about asking the students good questions and really listening to them, Laura told me about one student who has really opened up to her. Because of what Laura told me I suggested she see if this gal would be willing to read the book of Job and talk about it. I then outlined for Laura what the book of Job is about, how it relates to what this gal is going through, and how she could approach the conversation. She was quiet on the other end of the line as she took copious notes. I think God could use this to really help this student see Him as He is and be open to Jesus and what He has done for her.

Some people in the USA put together a notebook called the “STINT Playbook”. It is filled with great articles and resources related to a STINT team’s priorities for their year overseas in the areas of: Love the Lord, Love my team, Launch a movement, and Learn a New World. I was able to steer her to a few of the resources that are appropriate for where they are now and talk about how to use them.

Another aspect of our conversation was about the meeting they are having tonight with the handful of Christian students who are involved in the ministry there. The mission of Campus Crusade for Christ is “to help build movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus.” Tonight’s meeting is a huge step in moving forward in that.

As Christmas quickly approaches, I think about students in Montpellier who have a clearer understanding of why He came. I pray for some of the students to be able to really celebrate CHRISTmas and not just open some cool presents and eat some good food. Thanks for your partnership which helps make this possible.

Merry Christmas,

PS. If you are sending a Christmas letter this year, I’d love to receive it. News from home is a treat!

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