



It is hard to believe that one year has already passed! Jared arrived in France on January 10th, and Rebekah and the kids arrived on January 28th. What a flurry of activity it was stateside leading up to our departure. God did not get us here to France in our timing, but rather in His; and we are thankful for this. Arriving on foreign soil is already a challenge, but to arrive in an area where you know absolutely no one, it can be quite intimidating! Such was our case. But, God provided a vehicle. God provided a nice apt. God brought various people into our life. Little did we know that the school where Bryce would be attending would only be a five minute walk from our place. Little did we know that the train tracks leading right into Paris would not only be 5 minutes away as well but also the ones leading us right near the church where we would find ourselves invested. We could go on and on about God orchestrating so many events. Thank you for getting us here, keeping us here and really for encouraging us and supporting us in so many ways.

It would be nice to say that there have been no challenges either, but that would not be true. Even after a year, we are still dealing with the “administration française!” It’s not necessarily that they are difficult to deal with, it’s just that there is always another paper that needs to be filled out. I know you all probably think that we have absolutely “mastered” French at this point, but we are sorry to disappoint you. It continues to be SO much easier to get a point across in English! Little by little however, we continue to get adjusted to this new life.

A word from Rebekah: Bonjour! As you may recall, I had really wanted to begin



formal language schooling as soon as we got here. However, this had to be postponed due to a late arrival. I am now into my second semester of language school and cannot believe how much I have learned since September! I am amazed how I have been able to go from understanding basically nothing in French to now being able to follow and understand most conversations without thinking too hard. During our visits to many of your churches. I

had asked you to pray about all of this and it is so encouraging to see the Lord answering your prayers! Though I have made a lot of progress, I have still so much to learn and still struggle with expressing myself the way I want to. It is often very discouraging and each day is extremely hard brain work and also at times quite humbling. I am very grateful to my sister, Katie, who really has made my time in school so much easier. She takes care of the kids while I am in school, does most of the cleaning and has even become quite the cook! I miss being with Bryce and Rosalyn, but it is good to know they have a wonderful aunt taking care of them. I am very thankful to have this opportunity to learn French, but I must say I look forward to seeing much more progress and being done with school so that I can be with my family and be more involved in the ministry. My pregnancy is going quite a bit better now after the nausea has passed. Please pray that God gives me the necessary physical and mental strength to keep up with my studies through the end of June. Once completed, I only have a short time to prepare for the arrival of our baby (due date—July 10).

Ministry News: In our last letter we asked prayer for a Jewish woman and her daughter. Jared has been able to begin having visits with them (Gisele & Juliette) with Philippe Pluchon (a French pastor who has a ministry in Paris among the Jews). Please please pray for them. On our last visit with them, we saw a glimmer of hope with the mother, Gisele. Juliette has serious psychiatric issues and at this point, it has been very difficult to have a coherent conversation with her.

Please continue to pray for **Kylee**. She continues to come to church and participate in the activities, yet we are still not sure that she has “made the jump” to give her life to God.

You have also heard us speak of **Kévin & Carnélia**. We are still in touch with them both. Kévin is now back to Paris, and Jared was finally able to begin weekly Bible studies with. There seems to be a genuine desire on his part to grow spiritually.

Finally, as you will see in the pictures provided, our renovation project is well underway! Jared has been quite heavily involved in this 2 month project, and it will continue to consume a lot of his time throughout the month of February.

Blessings for this new year 2010! Love,

Jared, Rebekah, Bryce, Rosalyn, Katie & ???

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A few pictures of our major renovation project throughout the months of January & February. The couple to the left has a ministry among churches throughout France and we have been blessed by their talents.



Kids Christmas program



From L to R—Katie, Nadège, Miranda, Virginie, Kylie, Rebekah



Danielle & Catherine—two women in the church who are true servants and a genuine blessing



Our little « Rozzie » celebrating her 2nd birthday!