

Lead Me To The ROCK | Oct 2014



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“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to You, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, for You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.” (Psalm 61:1-3 ESV)
My dad wrote the underlined portion of that passage on a large rock in the basement of the barn I grew up in. (Yes, I grew up in a barn/house, and that may explain a lot to some of you.) Growing up, I always thought it was strange that it was in the basement and not on a rock that was higher up in the house. I eventually came to understand the idea behind it: always look up . . . but especially when I’m “down in the basement” . . . feeling low, lost or faint of heart. There IS a Rock that is higher than I and I need to keep my eyes on Him.

We have arrived safely in Grenoble and have been busy settling in and getting used to the many differences to life in another country. It has been wonderful to see God provide for us in so many unique and great ways. We are thankful for ease and safety in travel, a last minute rental car upgrade that was perfect for all of our stuff for the trip from Paris to Grenoble, fitting in with the FEU team and local church, meeting incredibly kind people when we purchased items (furniture and bikes) from the craigslist of France (leboncoin), figuring out all the right

places to find everything else that we need, seeing so many students come out to the FEU for events, dinners and Bible studies, a great community of believers and other missionaries who are helping us adjust . . . and the list goes on! God is clearly at work here and we're so excited to be a small part of it!

Rachel has already cooked two meals for groups of 40+ and tested out a few recipes on some students who showed up for the bi-weekly food distribution. Everyone loves her cooking and we're all excited to see what she comes up with next. She has been making good use of the hand-me-down kitchen items and excess curtain fabric (a table cloth and 3 pillow covers).

David has been busy building IKEA furniture, cleaning and organizing things around the FEU and fixing bikes we bought from leboncoin. There are plans in motion to start up a FEU bike loaning program for students who need to get around. He just joined a city wide community bike repair shop called "un p'tit vélo dans la tête" to restore old bikes for the FEU and to help make more connections on the campus and around the city.

Specific prayer requests:

- adjustment to a completely different way of life (patience)
- wisdom in knowing what to & not to get involved with
- language studies with a tutor now and school next month
- that even more students would come & go deeper in their relationship with God
- that Christ would be formed in us
- that hearts would be turned towards God

Having both grown up in the countryside, many people have asked us how we're doing with getting around in the city of Grenoble. The city lies at the convergence of three large mountain valleys and there are very distinctive mountains in almost every direction. When we're trying to figure out where to go or how to find our way back when we're lost, the best thing to do is to look up and reorient ourselves according to the mountains. Lord, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

Thank you all for your continued prayers, encouragement and support! We couldn't be doing any of this without it!

David et Rachel

