

Are You Prepared? | February 2016



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Since the day we found out that we were going to have a baby we've been in preparation mode. Preparing fun ways to tell our families and friends. Preparing baby things to take back from the States that we can't find here in France. Preparing our apartment with all sorts of baby furniture and cute stuffed animals. Preparing our minds with hospital visits and birth preparation classes. Preparing our ministry and project schedules to allow for some time of recovery and rest. Preparing our hearts to welcome one of the greatest gifts that we'll ever receive.

Things have been slowly but steadily picking up steam around here. The Wednesday night French Bible study is growing towards maximum capacity with a number of not-yet-but-prayerfully-soon Christians coming on a regular basis. After the teaching portion of the Bible study, everyone breaks up into small groups to dig deeper into the text with a list of topics and questions given by that week's teacher. As I mentioned in a previous post, there is a "discovery group" for those who are new to the FEU and the Bible and have questions on many different topics. There have been a few students who have benefited from this group and are getting closer and closer to giving their lives to Christ.

The Sunday night English Bible study (Life Skills) is now mostly attended by French students who are hoping to improve their English while also learning more from God's Word. This semester, the study has been in the Song of Solomon with a focus on a Biblical perspective of relationships and intimacy with other people and with God.

The twice-monthly food distribution event has been entirely passed on to the FEU and, so far, things have been running very smoothly. Since the beginning of the year we have had between 50 and 70 students come each time. This past week a missionary from Colombia came and had a great time connecting with a number of the students in Spanish as the majority of students who come are from South America. Our pin-board map of the world is filling in very nicely! We definitely see the most number of students during these three main events, yet there are many other smaller events going on each week to help students grow stronger in their relationship with God. Please keep the French and English breakfast Bible studies, student organized prayer and worship nights, survey of the Bible presentations, and the discipleship times in your prayers as well.

At the beginning of March, my sister and niece will be coming to visit and help with our adjustment into parenthood. Later, at the end of March, Rachel's parents will be coming to see their newest grandchild and help finish up some projects. We are excited for them to be here, to explore this amazing area and to share in this ministry. Pray for safe and uneventful travels for them.

With great excitement and joy, we've been preparing our lives for the imminent entrance of our son into this world. In a far greater way, we are prepared and are waiting expectantly for the coming of our Lord Jesus to welcome us home. "You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Luke 12:40 ESV). Are you prepared for that day?