



*Praise...Prayer Points
and Opportunities*

Praise!!

†Favor for upcoming travel to Paris.

†Yea! I received an A- on my first theological course - NT Narrative Theology

†Praise that all of my family is healthy & well!

Prayer Points:

†Continued guidance & direction from the Lord

†Wisdom & knowledge for my language studies, for the Perspectives Class that I am taking and for my next Theology Class – Christian History which I am now taking

†For the Lord to bring in the required financial support and prayer partners!

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Happy joyous Easter! I recently read something by Oswald Chambers that really places the focus on what Easter is all about. He wrote “When our Lord rose from the dead, He rose to an absolutely new life – a life He never lived before He was God Incarnate. He rose to a life that had never been before. And what this resurrection means for us is that we are raised to His risen life, not to our old life.” Amen!

As I move into a new ministry, I’d like to thank those who continued to pray and support me during this furlough period. Thank you! I’d also like to tell you how this new ministry developed.

As some of you may remember, the December 2008 elections in Kenya sparked mass feuding among the major tribes and chaos broke out resulting in violent massacres. This continued into February 2009 and at one point the Kenyan government was preparing to send all expatriates (non-Kenyans) out of the country. Many international organizations (i.e. World Vision) had already evacuated their staff. While this turmoil grieved me, I

also knew that God was in control. So, I took this opportunity to pray and ask Jesus where He might have me go should I need to leave. I looked at Scripture and was encouraged to remember that He provides all things for us and God does not cloak Himself in mystery to those who seek His will. I began to evaluate what I had learned and looked to see where that would lead me. 1) I learned that I had a deep desire to really become like the people I ministered to; sadly, this just isn’t possible in Kenya where over 70% live in abject poverty & I’d be killed if I lived in the slums. 2) Due

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to some devastating & unholy behavior from the leadership of the church



“My meeting in Seattle 03/09 with Pastor Mike Dente & his wife Becky.”

I attended in Kenya, I decided that I only wanted to work with a Calvary Chapel church. 3) Language...language...language. It is so important to become completely fluent in the host country's language; even if they do speak English. I began working too quickly in Kenya and never became fluent in Kiswahili. Therefore, I surmised that I would build on my foundation, namely five semesters of French in college.

Well with this mindset, I began looking in the back of the Calvary Chapel (CC) Quarterly Magazine at the CC ministries. That's where I read about the CC Paris and their prayer request for team members! I didn't even know that there was a Calvary Chapel in Paris. I emailed the pastor and explained my situation and asked if we could begin a dialogue to see where this might lead.

I have been communicating with Mike Dente, Pastor of CC Paris, and his wife, Becky via email since February 2008.

As it turned out, the fighting in Kenya ceased and we were not asked to leave the country. As summer began I could see how the Kenyan women were ready to take over the prison ministry and I felt that it was time to turn the leadership over to them. All things transitioned smoothly and I left Africa at the end of September 2008.

Originally, the plan was to meet Mike & Becky in their home town of Seattle, WA in November. However that plan was postponed until March of this year. We were able to meet in Seattle and talk for more than two hours making plans and praying. They're a great couple who come from a CC in the Seattle area. They have four beautiful children and have lived in France for the past 11 years.

They worked with the CC in Niece for 7 years, and then they were sent out with blessings to start a CC in Paris. This move took place in 2005 and the church has grown since that time to the point where other team members could work alongside them and the Parisian members.

I hope to join their team in August; however the cost of living in Paris is SO expensive that my funds will probably dictate my arrival date. I'm praying that my loyal supporters will resume their financial support now that I have a clear ministry direction. I also pray for new monthly partners as well, even a commitment of \$10, \$25 a month would be helpful.

Though I know a good bit of French and am practicing it now, I've been asked to enroll in the Alliance Francaise School for French studies for 20 hours a week for 12 weeks. This cost alone is over \$2,000. I do believe that it is a wise and necessary move as I'll be able to accelerate the learning process and meet people from many different backgrounds.

When looking for apartments on the Inet, I have to admit that I had tears in my eyes. These are typical listings for studios in the outskirts of Paris: \$933 for 182 sqft; \$670 for 161 sqft. Yikes! That's small! I won't have a car and will rely on the excellent public transportation system. That pass for a year is \$1,000. Currently, I need at least \$800 more in monthly support. So, if you would, please pray about part-

nering with me in this ministry. And if you have any odd jobs for me to earn extra money please call my cell. Also pray for safe travel and success as I will travel to Paris within the next



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month to search out neighborhoods so that I can better target places for rent on the Inet. I will attend CC Paris services & events to meet as many of the church members as possible (they're about 40 as of now). It is on a stand-by basis so please pray for the Lord's favor. And on top of that, I have a free place to stay while visiting Paris as well! It seems God is opening the doors for me to move forward (yea!)... but lest I get ahead of Him, I am mindful that it is only by knowing "Him and the power of His resurrection" that I move ahead. (Phil 3:10)

May the Lord's Peace and Power keep you and bless you,

With love,
Lori