



Lori Ogle In Paris, France

"God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all." 1 John 1:5

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Praise...Prayer Points and Opportunities

Praise !!!

†Praise God for my safe arrival in Paris and for all that He's enabled me to get done so far!

Prayer Points

†Prayer for quick language acquisition and the ability to communicate with ease.

†Continued prayer for my financial support, team unity and church growth.

†Also, please pray that as the Lord leads Calvary Chapel Paris may get their own space to rent where we can hold church services and meetings, store ministry items and to have as a place to call 'home'.

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Bonjour!!

I have arrived in Paris and would like to share with you some photos of my new home and a bit of



This is my new flat...all 96 square feet of it! :)

what my schedule looks like so far.

My apartment in Paris is located in the 18th arrondissement, also

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This is my unique "shower" although it's more like a baby tub elevated; upside is that there's storage space underneath.

called Montmartre. Sacred Heart aka Sacre Coeur is close to my home as is the Moulin Rouge. Like most places in the city, my apartment is small, well



My street is behind me, my neighborhood is in Montmartre.

actually mine is tiny – only 96 square feet or 9 square meters. There’s a bed, two burner plates, a small sink, college dorm size fridge and a kind-of shower in it, but the toilet is in the hallway. Originally, I thought I had to share the toilet with only two other apartments but it turned out to be five. These things are tough to get use to especially since as Americans we’re use to having a lot of space. However, I have adapted well and have a peace about it that can only be from Jesus; definitely a confirmation that I’m where I am suppose to be.

Since arriving I have been busy every day, much of the time the entire day, trying to sort the administrative stuff such as: setting up a bank account (not an easy thing to do here), register to get my metro-pass, change the electric to my name, obtain inet, and to validate my visa via an appointment with the Prefecture (police) and a medical exam. Thank the Lord for Becky, the pastor’s wife, and Elisa, a Parisian volunteering full-time with Calvary Chapel Paris or I’d be lost! It would truly be next to impossible for a non-French speaking person (w/o French speaking help) to set up house here (real house – not just au pairing or renting an established place). And praise God as Pastor Mike and Becky said that they’ve never seen the administrative necessities go so smoothly or quickly for anyone as it has for me...yea!

In addition I have been blessed to jump right into the ministry activities. We have French Bible study at the pastor’s house each Wednesday night from 7:30 until sometime after 10 pm. Then



Calvary Chapel Paris holds church services in the Jews for Jesus building

CC Paris just began their Friday night “relaxed worship service” at the church beginning at 8 pm until 11 pm. This is a venue for church members to get together sing, have a short interactive Bible study, fellowship and a snack. However, it is also designed as an outreach to draw people from that neighborhood to join us in this less formal setting. Please pray that the Lord draws many people to this activity. And then there’s Sunday church, which I leave the house around 8:15 am and return home at almost 8pm...that’s a long day. Since we hold church in the Jews for Jesus office, Elisa and I arrive early to transform the office into a more welcoming atmosphere. This entails moving desks, computers, phones, copier, bookshelves then covering them with nice linens. After that we bring out our chairs, music equipment, signage, ect... The French service is from 10:30 am – 12:15 pm. In order to create a sense of community, after this service we provide a hot lunch for those who wish to stay. The lunch detail rotates between Becky, Elisa, Clarice, me and anyone else who wants to do it. At 3 pm the English service begins and some of those attendees come early to share in the lunch. That service ends around

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5:15 pm with time for fellowship and coffee afterwards. Once that is over, we must clean the facility, put our stuff away and recreate the office as it was before. We also have two Sunday school sessions and I will be teaching one of the classes at least twice a month. So, Sundays are very long days.

We also have weekly staff meetings on Tuesdays from 2 – 4pm and Becky will be starting a women’s Bible study on Saturdays. And on top of that, I have school work for my Masters in Theology and I have my language lessons that are 20 hours a week Monday – Friday, plus homework. Oh! And I go to the market almost every day because I don’t have room in my little college fridge to keep much and the bread only stays good for about one day. So there’s a little bit about what life is like so far.

I am enjoying Paris, though obviously still getting acclimated to the culture here. I can say one thing for sure, it is even more expensive than I had calculated and there have been costs associated with setting up life here that I wasn’t aware of and didn’t include in my budget. So, if you’ve thought about partnering with me in this ministry or perhaps you were waiting to rejoin me until I was out in the field again, now would be a good time. ☺ I covet your prayers and rely on your financial partnership in order to be obedient to the call the Lord has placed before me.

May we all be a blessing in our daily walk for “he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

With love, Lori