



Lori Ogle In Paris, France

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

April 2010

Praise... Prayer Points and Opportunities

Praise !!!

†Praise Jesus that I received my deposit back and that I found a wonderful apartment in FL, and praise Him for the lessons I learned and for those I have yet to discover.

Prayer Points

†Prayer that I will be able to say all my goodbyes in Paris, for a smooth transition back to the US (including the right job) and for the opportunity to minister to International Students through Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg.

If you would like to partner with Lori, please send your tax-deductible donations payable to:

SEED Ministries

PO Box 3746

Cleveland, TN 37320-3746

Memo line: Lori Ogle

For more information please visit
www.seedministry.org

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Lori Ogle

**561 Mehlenbacher Drive
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770**

(727) 537-0702

Lori1j15@gmail.com

An Update

Well much has happened since my last newsletter, so much so that I wanted to wait until the 'dust settled' before providing an update. Since my last newsletter in January, I've continued to work with Calvary Chapel Paris providing some administrative assistance, teaching Sunday school weekly and assisting with various church activities all the while trying to learn the French language. I'd have to say it's been a tough struggle, not only financially but in other ways as well.

There was a culture shock I experienced that was quite unexpected. For the past ten years I have been a part of a large church (even while in Africa) so coming to serve in a place where the church body is less than twenty was very difficult for me. Knowing that France is a difficult place to minister because the 'soil' is so hard, I tried to continue to honor my commitment. However as time went by, I felt more and more out of place than in step. My emotional, physical and spiritual health began to suffer. I sought counsel and prayer from my mission's pastor, my prayer team and from a few friends in Paris; and then I waited on the Lord.

His answer didn't come quickly, but in the end it was clear. There were two verses

that stuck out to me... don't fear man and ... don't serve little gods. While these Scriptures came to me at different times, at one point in mid-March the meaning became clear to me. I was fearing what man thought, realizing that I'd place the thoughts and opinions of my support-



Me and Elisa

ers and prayer warriors above the Lord's thoughts. I was fearing man without recognizing it; I didn't want to disappoint anyone.

The other verse spoke of a bondage that I placed on me - the little god of commitment. I felt that honoring my commitment to CC Paris and work alongside the Dentes was something that I ought to or should do. Lesson number two was be aware when things of the world become

'Bringing His Light to the City of Lights'

“oughts and shoulds” especially when they interfere with the first and greatest commandment “to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.” Inadvertently, I’d placed my commitment on the altar and was worshipping that instead of the true living



One of the women I was discipling; this was at her going away party as she returned to the US. The other lady I was discipling has gotten engaged and will soon be moving to another country.

God. These revelations were humbling to say the least.

This whole experience over the last many months has been difficult. I’ve learned valuable lessons and felt that I received clear guidance, therefore in late March I submitted my resignation. I was amazed at the peace that I felt! Since then have been working hard on tying up loose ends in Paris and I’m pleased to say that I’ve been blessed in every step! For example I terminated my lease early and still received my full deposit back! The French say it’s unlikely to get that even when you don’t break a lease...so thank you Jesus! Then my team member Elisa has let me stay with her at her flat for free until I

can tie up all the other French administrative stuff (which is normally painstakingly horrible but has been a breeze so far!). This time has also allowed me to say proper goodbyes to those in the church, some of whom will be life-long friends. I will miss them but I know that we will have eternity together!

In an attempt to make things more livable at Elisa’s place (because even though her flat is bigger, Paris apartments remain small) and to prepare for my next steps, I made a quick trip home to Florida with stuffed luggage (remember I fly free thanks to my friend who works with the airlines).

What happened next was beyond my wildest dreams! I wasn’t even in Florida for 24 hours and I found the perfect apartment for me and it’s just around the corner from my sister’s house! It’s like a mansion! Ok, maybe not that big but it seems like it coming from 96 sq feet to 770 sq feet, and mind you at the same price \$595! Yet the real blessing is that I was honest with the realtor telling him that I didn’t have a job yet and was just returning to the States so there wouldn’t be any landlord references either. And Praise Jesus he rented it to me! This was one of my worries and it was immediately wiped away!

On top of that, I was only required to pay a deposit and the first month’s rent which is May, even though he gave me the keys and said I can start moving stuff in ahead of time. This is real good because I was blessed with a very nice leather couch and love seat, a bed and dresser and a place to store the stuff I had brought back with me from France. So, when I return at the end of the month I will have

my own home to move into!

Please pray the Lord’s comfort and provision continues to rest upon me as all of this is a big change. For the



“So the very next morning after my arrival, still quite jet-lagged, I stand in front of my new home with lease in hand! Thank you Jesus!”

last six years I’ve served as a missionary overseas and now I need to re-adapt to my own culture. I’m praying that you’ll continue supporting me in the same manner as you have been both financially and in prayer for the next two months (May/June). SEED will continue to process any financial contributions that I receive. I have several job leads and will continue to keep you posted as I follow Him into this new season. I can’t thank you enough for the blessing you’ve been to me and how your love for our Lord Jesus has touched me as well.

Lori

“Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands.” Psalm 112:1