



# A Letter from... Lori Ogle

*"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 !!!**

†His Faithfulness has sustained me and met my practical needs! Thank you all for your financial support and prayers!

### **Prayer Points**

†Pray for wisdom and guidance implementing the ESL Ministry, pray for the volunteer teachers and for the students as well.

†Pray that He provides a job for me and that I persevere with patience and trust in Him.

†Pray for my Mom as she is having her heart valve replaced again - the surgery is on August 24th. Please pray that the surgery goes well, that she's protected from any infections while in the hospital and for a quick and complete healing.

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## *A Time of Testing and Trials*

Since I've last written, it has been a time of testing and trials. At times I have wondered 'Where are you God? Do you not hear my cries for help?' But then during my time of Bible study and devotions, I was reminded that God only allows the trials and it is Satan who ushers in the temptations. The enemy tempts us to be a "Mrs. Job" suggesting that we should curse God and die. Satan has no new tricks and causing us to doubt God's goodness is one of his favorites from the very beginning. I'm thankful for that reminder and it has helped me to endure and persevere through this tough time.

My reverse culture shock really didn't set in until I settled into my apartment. It was then I realized how fast the world was moving around me and how I seemed to be sitting still. It's a difficult thing to recreate yourself, your identity; in fact, most people don't have to worry about it or give it a thought. I went through this process when I moved to Africa in May 2004 and in August 2009 when I moved to France. It requires making new friends and a Christian family out of total strangers, getting acquainted with new surround-

ings, learning how to spend money in that economy and adapting to new job responsibilities. So in regard to moving back to the US, I thought no problem, all of that is familiar to me except for the last item. And as far as that went, I returned to the US with a job interview; unfortunately, the hiring for that position got postponed until September. For a while, all was okay but then after a couple of months of not working I began to panic! This economy is horrible, the job market is dismal and my missionary support was coming to an end.

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I really began to feel like God had forgotten about me and my needs. Thankfully, I'd developed the discipline and commitment to daily devotions that I never gave up - even when I felt that the effort may be futile. I believe it was then through this perseverance that the Lord showed me mercy and filled me with His love. He did this by bringing

*'Bringing His Light to the City of Lights'*

to life the first chapter of James and countless other Scriptures. It has given me the strength to press on and to trust that He will continue to give my feet a firm place to stand and that He engineers our circumstances to do what He knows will bring Him the greatest glory.

When I look at things in the big picture, through the eternal perspective, there seems to be peace. Yes, I still need a job and without work it is difficult to fully reconnect to a pattern of living in this world. For someone like me who is “a doer”, it can be downright boring especially when the not working is coupled with no cash flow – many ideas and activities come to a halt for that reason.

But praise God for His faithful servants have responded and I’ve been able to pay rent, bills and to buy food. So that is a huge blessing and I thank each of you from my heart! And many thanks to all of you who have been lifting me up in prayer!

I also praise the Lord because I was able to volunteer at Calvary Chapel



Volunteering for VBS

St. Petersburg’s (CCSP) Vacation Bible School (VBS) program and

I was given permission to start the English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry Outreach Program! The ESL ministry has really received favor from Jesus as the volunteer teacher turn-out was awesome and things are flowing right along. Actually for the month of August, there’s been quite a bit of work required to get ESL created and implemented and since I’m not working I’ve been able to tend to it. During the last weekend of August the volunteer teachers and I will receive teacher training on how to provide Church-based English as a Second Language course. Then, we will have registration on September 13th and classes will begin on the following week on the 21st. The class is held every Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm at CCSP and it is free, open to adults of any language. We are teaching a curriculum that incorporates God’s Word and we will have prayer and a time of sharing each week. Please pray for the students that their hearts will be opened to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Well that’s my update for now and I’ll send one more update out to let you know where the Lord has placed me to work. Until then, I’d like to share a short Scripture that helps me daily. **Romans 12:12 “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”** It really answers all of



One of the ESL Meetings - this is about half of the volunteer

my “weak spots” for this time in my life. I hope it’s an encouragement for you if you happen to also be struggling right now.

Every Blessing,

*Lori*



Emmy, My Niece and Me