



*Praise... Prayer Points
and Opportunities*

Praise !!!

†A Joyous Outlook on the Year Ahead
For Answered Prayers and for All of You who are Praying for me - Thanks!

Prayer Points

- †Prayer for quick language acquisition.
- †Prayer for Increased Financial Support as it's very expensive here.
- †Prayer Continued Team unity
- †Wisdom and the Lord's Guidance as I begin to Disciple Women.

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*Bonne Annee or
Happy New Year!*

I am very excited about what God's going to do in 2010! This is the first time that I've ever entered a new year with such an innate feeling of hope and expectation. I believe the Lord is going to do even greater things in the ministry of Calvary Chapel Paris and in my personal life as well! Please pray with me that all things from Him will be received with joy and thanksgiving.

In many ways this jubilant hope emerges out of a year that had been quite difficult. While I really enjoyed spending time with family and friends while in the US last year, the waiting part of not knowing when, if ever, I'd get to France

was quite trying. Then once I got here, it was a very rocky start. I had to adjust to living in a very tiny apartment, sharing a communal toilet, I was sick with the swine flu and then I broke a bone in my right foot and had a cast

put on my leg. In regard to the latter, since my health care insurance rates were cheaper in the US and the fact that I fly free, I went home for further treatment and to receive assistance/care from my family. After a month I was able to return but I'd missed my language classes and opportunities to



New year's Eve Team Phot: Amy (an intern from Colorado Calvary Chapel who is with us for 3 months), Elisa (Full-time ministry team member from France, me, Becky and Pastor Mike.

build relationships within the church body. While it was a necessary trip, it was kind of like starting all over again upon my return.

But then, something miraculous happened and I know for certain

'Bringing His Light to the City of Lights'

that it was the result of the power of prayers from many of you! Everything just began to click! Close ties have been formed with several church members, my administrative talents are being utilized, I was able to 'retrieve' the missed language classes and our team began this year united and strong! Best of all, I have been blessed with the opportunity to disciple a French woman in our church whose walk with the Lord is new and a bit shaky. We are to begin a Bible study this month. The study will be in English as she's bi-lingual but I'm sure we'll chat in French too so I can practice.

Well in other news, it's been pretty cold here (even in the teens!) and we've had some snow as well.

I love the snow but the cold weather is taking a bit to adjust to. Despite this, a few of us from church ventured out on France's 'free monthly museum day' and weathered the cold and having fun while waiting in a 1 ½ hour line. It was amazing to see paintings from Monet, Renoir, Degas and others, and it was my first time in a museum in France.

In closing, I have a rather specific prayer request/need. I would like to sell my car as I need the finances and I no longer have a place to store it. It's a 2001 Kia Sephia (4-door) that runs great and all things work (a/c, heat, and stereo). I'm asking for \$2,500 though I'm open to negotiation. If

you're interested, please call my sister Christie Clarkson at 727-415-0767 or email me directly.

I pray that each of you start this New Year with the hope of Christ in you, anticipating the good things to come!

Every Blessing,

Lori

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving"
1 Timothy 4:4



I helped put on the story of Jesus' birth at the church for our Christmas Eve service.



Our outing to Musee d'Orsay