



LA LUMIÈRE

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A ministry update from
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Cette lumière était la véritable lumière, qui, en venant dans le monde, éclaire tout homme.

John 1:9

Greetings friends!

La Lumière means *the light* in French. We are excited about our opportunity to share the light of Christ with French students.

Un THE DECISION

Our destination was once poised between Paris and Toulouse. Well, the decision is cast; we're going to Toulouse, a city in southwestern France. Toulouse has a population of 600,000, with a mere 20 small churches ministering to the population. The site of France's second largest concentration of students, including France's aeronautical engineering school, there are 120,000 students in Toulouse. Yet picture this, among all of those students, there are only 150 that go to a church or are involved in any type of Christian group. Many of that .125% of the student population don't claim to be Christian, but are there simply because they're searching. No doubt that Christ's light needs to shine in Toulouse!



Deux RAISING UP A TEAM

We are encouraged as we're able to share our vision for ministry in France with potential partners. We have had several commit to pray for us and have also seen the Lord provide 28% of our necessary financial support through generous, cheerful givers. Your help is a great encouragement! Thank you! Yet we simply don't know enough people to fully reach our support raising goals, so please also consider referring us to friends you have who share our concern for reaching others for Christ. If you intend to support us

monthly, you should receive your receipt in the mail along with a pre-addressed envelope directly to Campus Crusade for your next gift.

Trois RED TAPE

France is renowned for its bureaucracy, and we are relying on the Lord to smooth our path. We have two hurdles that normally would be two small steps for mankind, but are enormous bounds in France. First, we simply need to get enrolled in our French courses. Currently our entire team is wait-listed, but this needs to be resolved soon so that we can apply for our student visas. Second, after we get to France, we'll have to obtain our Carte de Sejour (residence permit). This involves waiting for hours in line, mandatory medical examinations, collecting necessary paperwork from government offices all over the city, and producing translated copies of every official document we've ever been issued. We are in for an adventure!

Please pray...

- that the Lord will bring us additional contacts through referrals
- for the church applications which are being processed
- that we will find a trustworthy renter for our house
- for the administrative tasks to be completed: admission into school, visas, residence permits, and finding housing

The Lord's blessings to you!
Dan, May and Silas