



La Lumière July, 2010

Celle-ci était la véritable lumière, celle qui, en venant dans le monde, éclaire tout être humain.

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-John 1:9

WORK OF ART OR MASTER-PIECE?

This question is somewhat of a play on words in French, highlighting the relationship between the creator and the creation. Art is a language. Since our first contact with Campus Crusade, we've been trained to share the gospel through spoken word. Flip through a booklet or draw a diagram on a napkin and speak the gospel. We tend to see art as another tool by our side as we talk instead of giving the art the chance to speak. Art has a message. Are we willing to be silent long enough to let it speak? In this postmodern age people are moved and controlled by their feelings. Art can reach deep within and touch places we can't with mere words. During the art project we spent time doing an artistic questionnaire and really listening to french student's answers, which were often deep and thoughtful. We looked for places our stories intertwine. And we talked together about how art and faith should connect.

There were two artistic expressions during the project. The first was the potter expo, mentioned in last month's letter. The second was a form of "guerilla art" taking the question – a work of art or *masterpiece*? – to the people. To do this we had five models who posed as statues in the park. Five artists covered different parts of their bodies: hands, feet, face, shoulders, with a clay sculpture. Beneath the clay, as it was allowed to crack and fall off, was written our question in the hopes that people would consider, aren't we a remarkable creation? God made us from clay. What can we learn about the master behind the masterpiece? Our job is simple, let the art speak, then ask – *what do you think?*

AH PARIS

After the arts project, the rest of the family joined Dan in Paris. We enjoyed the view from the top of the Arc de Triumph, watched a mime perform in front of the Pompidou Museum, and gazed at the lit Eiffel Tower from the Champ de Mars. We walked along the St. Martin Canal and sauntered about in Notre Dame Cathedral. Taking our time, walked over six miles one day. Paris is fun to visit, for a while. Rennes is a relatively quiet town of 250 thousand people. Paris, on the other hand, is teeming with over two million. We were SO happy to get back to Rennes. Dan will take advantage of some vacation time to do home projects, while May and the boys try to hide from all the dust!

PRAISES...

- for the Art Project, for guarding everyone's health, and for everything we learned.

Please pray...

- for the home projects Dan is trying to coordinate (and get done!)
- that our family can take some good vacation.



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