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Evangelism
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Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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I have always been given the advice, “Never stop learning!” While I have always appreciated and wanted to follow this advice, I never thought the learning at this point in my life would still be in a school. It seems school never ends, but the structure and accountability of language school has definitely been a help to us with the biggest learning task in our lives so far.

It is also helpful that it is a Christian language school as we have been given opportunities to learn French biblical terms and share the Bible with people who know Christ and those who do not. One instance was our teacher allowing us each to give a 30-minute devotional in class. Another was the church we are attending allowed me to give my testimony during one of the services.



We are also continuing to learn outside of school. This involves some cultural adaptations as the French do some things differently than Americans. One example involved our wanting to get some vaccines for Adelynn. We scheduled the appointment, attended it, and were then given a prescription for the vaccines. We had to go pick up the vaccines from a pharmacy, store them in our fridge, and schedule a new appointment for the doctor to administer them to her.

Another thing we learned was how to obtain an American phone number here in France. We still have our French numbers and can be reached through the application “WhatsApp” with those, but if you don’t want an extra app or know how to use it, you can call or text us at (937) 519-0141.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Alyssa enjoyed all of the birthday cards and greetings. If you could pray for me that I can endure the next couple weeks as the in-laws are currently visiting. Obviously, I am just kidding as we are thrilled to have Alyssa’s parents with us for a couple weeks. It is great to see them again and not just through a phone screen. Adelynn is especially enjoying the extra attention.

We would appreciate if you could pray with us that we would continue to learn French quickly and correctly. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. It is a great encouragement to us knowing that we have you as co-laborers.

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay

