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Taking Life to the forgotten people of Madagascar

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"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

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Praises & Prayer Requests

- Language learning
- Phillip as he starts boot camp

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Bonjour and Salama! Do you like France? That seems to be the question we get over and over. Of course we are going to say yes. We are getting to experience new things all the time. Just yesterday, Phil was asked the same question by his "Uber" driver (another "first time" thing for him). He said, "Yes, I like France." That's as far as his limited French allowed him to communicate. Are there things we miss? Of course! We miss our 2 oldest children, but, thanks to "face time," we get to actually see their faces several times a week. As a matter of fact, we have learned that we need to look decent when we talk to Tabitha because that girl does not think twice about turning the phone around, and before we know it, we are face-to-face with her friends or even one of our supporting pastors. We miss all of our friends, but, the truth is, it's because of missions that we know so many of you and we look forward to some of you visiting us one day in Madagascar. The only thing Phil really misses that he can't do in France is hunt, but we are so busy with language study that even if he could hunt, he wouldn't have time. However, it's November and November is deer season, so even though he and the boys will not be in the woods, he is participating in "no shave November."

One thing that they don't have in France is Thanksgiving. Even though it will be just another Thursday here in Massy, France, Vala has decided to coordinate a Thanksgiving for the students and staff at the school. The biggest difference is it will be on Friday instead of Thursday. The students are excited to have a taste of home and those on staff are looking forward to experiencing an American holiday. We even have a student who has access to the NFL package so we can watch the Cowboys play that afternoon.

Even though we are at a Christian language school that has helped missionaries learn French for the last 40 years, the Lord has brought a young woman here who is not a believer. We are very burdened for her and truly believe there will never be a better opportunity for her to be introduced to Jesus. Will you pray with us for her salvation? Pray that the Lord will soften her heart and that we will have time outside of class with her so that we can share.

The question is, do we like France? The answer is, yes we do. I would say all of the students here at Les Cedres, école de langue française (The Cedars French Language School) probably like France. The majority of the students, like us, will leave France to go to Africa and spread the Gospel, and, like each of those students, we are enjoying this time of language learning in France, but our hearts are still for Madagascar. Please continue to pray for the people of Madagascar as they are still dealing with the bubonic/pneumonic plague. Thank you so much for praying for our country and our family, and remember, we are also praying for you.

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