

November 17, 2005

Dear family and friends,

This is just a quick note to let you know that I will have my first public presentation in French on Friday evening. I will be sharing a bit about Wycliffe and about mission aviation with the college group from church. It will only be about 5 minutes long, but that is still a lot of French words.

I would appreciate your prayers as I prepare for this opportunity and yet significant challenge. The text I expect to use is almost finished and now I am practicing reading the text. I prefer speaking from an outline but with it being in French, I will basically need to read the text.

Thank you in advance for your prayers. I am looking forward to sharing with this group, but also a bit nervous.

In Him, Robert

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November 22, 2005

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and notes of encouragement for Friday night. It went well and I think I only truly clobbered about 5 or 10 words. It was really nice to know most of the people in the group that I was speaking to. I'm sorry for the delay in this update, but the remainder of the weekend was quite full and Monday afternoon, on the way home from Inlingual, I started having a bad case of the chills that kept me home today.

Saturday I spent most of the day preparing for an "Evening of English" that I hosted for my friends. About half of the group were native English speakers and the other half Swiss. We had a great time together and laughed a lot. Nearly everyday, my friends here from Switzerland help me with French so it was great to be able to express my thanks in this way. We also had a brief prayer time and said goodbye to one of the missionaries who left yesterday to return to the US before going to Africa.

Thank you so much for your many notes of encouragement. They were wonderful to read. I'm working on getting a personal notes back to each of you, but because of your generosity, it is going to take me a while do to so.

May the Lord bless you, Robert