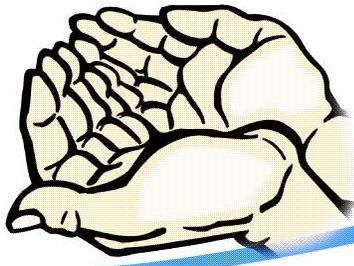


In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Dear family & friends,

How the time flies! I am already in my fifth month here in Switzerland! I departed Charlotte, North Carolina, the afternoon of May 31 and arrived in Zurich, Switzerland, on June 1. Martin Zimmermann, a fellow classmate and friend from Moody Aviation who is from Switzerland, met me at the airport. After spending a few days with him and his family, they brought me to Neuchâtel, my new home for the next year of language school.

After several weeks of getting oriented to Switzerland, meeting new people and struggling to communicate, I started language school at Inlingua. As you already know, I am here in Switzerland to learn French before going to Cameroon, West Africa, where I will support Bible translation through aviation. French is the most common trade language of central western Africa so it is important for me to have a good grasp of French before going to Cameroon. **Please continue to pray for my progress in French.**

While I am here, I am living with the Staehlis, who graciously offered me a place in their house. We live in Le Landeron, which is about 10 miles from Neuchâtel, in the historic part of the village. Their house is actually a part of a fortress that was built around the 1600s and 1700s, but has since been extensively modified and renovated. In years past, there was actually a moat around this building. Now, one side of the house looks over the courtyard in the middle and the other side looks out over the countryside.

The Staehlis have three children who are now grown and living on their own so I have the upstairs to myself. I have had a very smooth transition into their family and I enjoy their company and benefit from a lot of great French practice, too. Recently, they were in Russia for three weeks on vacation visiting their youngest son who lives in Moscow. While they were gone, I realized just how much they are helping me with French. **Praise the Lord for such a great living situation!**



Leaving from Charlotte



Inlingua Language School

I have also been blessed by a wonderful welcome into a local church here, La Rochette. **I may not be able to understand everything that is said, but I do know that I am welcome.** Normally, Monday nights I join the choir for choir practice and Wednesday nights I attend a Bible study at a family's house. Recently I have also begun meeting with some men early Friday mornings for prayer.



The Staehli Family

Since I have been here, I have also been blessed with new friends, both Swiss and international. Right now, there are three other missionaries here preparing to go to Africa. However, by the middle of December all of them will be gone. Although there are not a lot of people my age here, I have been blessed with some solid Swiss friends. One of the highlights of my week is getting together on Tuesday nights to play and sing at the church. Most evenings, at least three languages are represented, though we normally sing in French.

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(Memo: For Robert Peterson)

Prayer Reminder

Tentative Timeline & Goals:

- Present to 3/06 — French Language class @ Inlingua
- 3/06 to 8/06 — Practical French Experience @ University of Neuchâtel
- 8/06 to 11/06 — Africa Orientation Course (Cameroon, West Africa)
- Dec. 2006 — Flight & Maintenance recurrency (JAARS Center — Waxhaw, NC)
- Jan. 2006 — Begin Field Checkout in Cameroon as Pilot/Mechanic

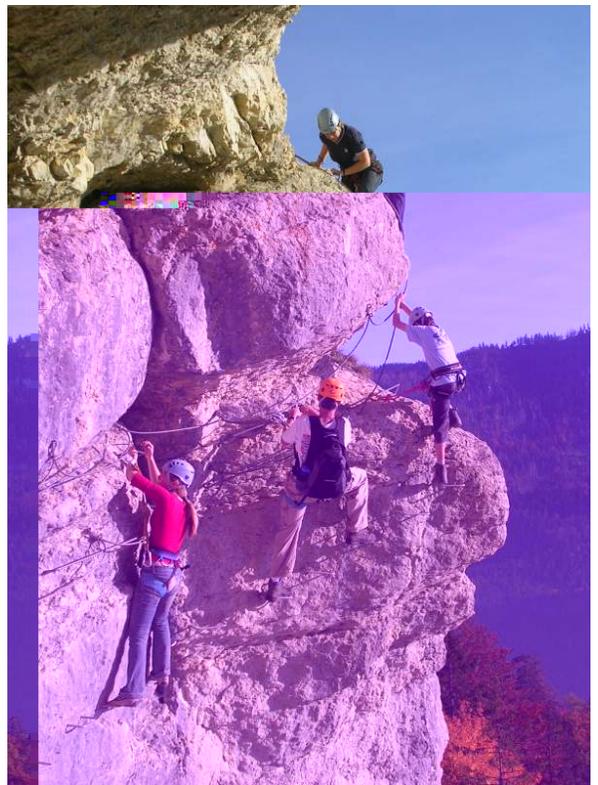
Some of you may have already heard that my Grandpa Peterson went to be with the Lord on October 4. He had been living in a care facility in Michigan for several months and was gradually going downhill due a blood disease. I had the opportunity to go up to Michigan just before I came to Switzerland and see him one last time. It was a special time that I will treasure. **I am so thankful for the godly heritage he has left and the peace that comes from knowing his faith is now made complete.**

Lord willing, over the next three months I will continue attending Inlingua and finish their language program. **Please pray that there will be enough students for the class to continue without interruption to the end.** As we progress to higher levels, there are fewer students interested and able to attend. I would really like to finish this course, as it has been a very good fit for me. Since I expect to be here until September of next year, I am also beginning to look at options after Inlingua which could include taking classes at a local university or Bible school near Geneva.

As I wrote in a previous email update, when I am discouraged or mentally exhausted, two reminders encourage me to keep studying: **you are praying** and **people are waiting to hear God's Word.** Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Robert Peterson



"Via Ferrata" - Cliff hiking using climbing gear



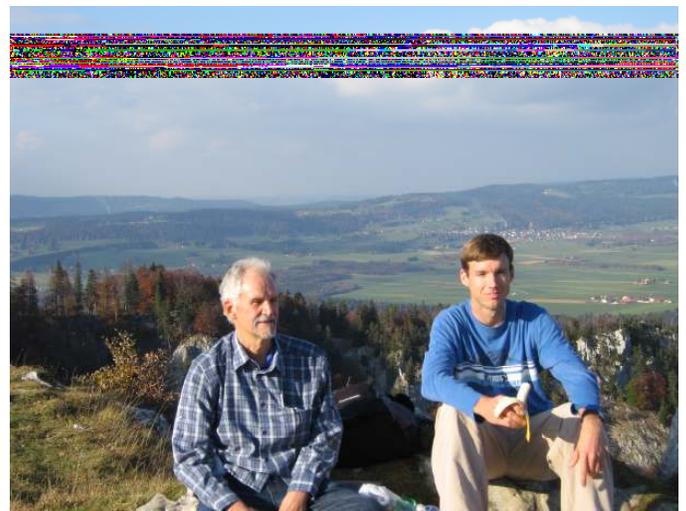
"Via Ferrata" - with a group from church



Hiking trip — on the summit of Glarnish at 9000'!



"Via Ferrata" — See, it's safe!



French practice opportunity — Hiking with a friend

Praises:

1. Excellent trip and transition to Switzerland and language school.
2. The encouragement of seeing progress in French.
3. Finding a wonderful church home, making new friends, and opportunities to speak to people about Jesus Christ.
4. Being fully financially supported here. The generosity & hospitality of Robert & Christine Staehli.

Prayer Requests:

1. Continued spiritual growth, maturity and wisdom in a environment where it is difficult to be fed spiritually due to the language barrier.
2. Opportunities to share the love of God & His Word, and to encourage people to consider missions.
3. Stability and righteousness throughout Cameroon.
4. Continued freedom — Cameroon continues to be a beachhead into many of the surrounding unstable countries.
5. For approximately 50 translation projects currently in process in Cameroon and the remaining 100+ languages needing God's Word, along with many others in the surrounding countries.