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Dear friends and family,

Thank you for praying as I get settled here in Switzerland. I continue to be enormously blessed by seemingly instant friends and new opportunities to hear and practice French. Although I have been in a part-time language school program the last several weeks, I will starting full-time at Inlingua on July 4th. I've included a picture of the school which is located in Neuchatel. Lord willing, I expect to be there the next 9 months before transferring to another program.

The Lord continues to provide a number of great opportunities to connect with people. Last weekend, I joined an overnight camping trip with the college-age group from La Rochette (my church). It was great to make some new friends and hear A LOT of French. I've included a picture from the trip. I've also had the chance to play some volleyball, join the church's choir practice, a weekly home group meeting and be invited for a number of meals.

Yesterday, an especially significant praise occurred. My wallet bounced out of my not quite fully closed backpack jogging the last 100 yard to catch the train. I discovered it was missing as the train pulled away from the station. I got off at the next stop, walked a mile or so back and looked but without success. As I walked back to the house, I passed a gentleman who started calling out to me. Through some hand gestures and broken French on my part, he told me he had found my wallet and turned it into the police. I went to local station and found everything still there.

Thank you for your prayers and support. I sense the Lord's presence and leading in many ways. There are days when I am mentally exhausted but I thank the Lord for the energy to tackle it again the next day. May the Lord bless you, Rob

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