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Dear friends and family,

Wow! It's almost been two months since I've sent an update. I am now well occupied by my French classes at the local university and preparing for an international language exam in June. This semester will also finish the end of June. Although it was possible that I would come to the US this summer for recurrency flight training before going to Cameroon, instead I will be going directly to Cameroon sometime in August. During the months of September through November I will be attending the African Orientation Course. After that I will then return to the US to complete some recurrency flight training around Christmas.

As always, thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. I am doing well here and continue to see progress in French even though I am at the stage where it is harder to see clear improvements. I am looking forward to moving on to Cameroon even though I know it will be hard to say goodbye to so many good friends and memories from Switzerland.

Now for a few photos:



During Easter, a number of friends and I spent the weekend in Zurich with one of our Swiss German friends who also studied French here in Neuchâtel. We had a great time exploring Zurich and celebrating Easter together!



We also get together quite often to eat together and play games. This time, after enjoying some excellent curry, we played Taboo together. It is certainly a challenge in French but nonetheless we were more-or-less able to guess the words. Great memories!

This last picture is extra special because I had the special privilege of seeing my brother and family here in Switzerland. Todd was deployed for 2 1/2 months in Qatar so Damaris spent some time with my parents in North Carolina and then a month with her family her in Switzerland. At the end of his time in Qatar, Todd was also able to pass through Switzerland for several days before returning with his family to the US. Of course, being able to see my cute little niece Alyssa was a delight.



**Prayer Requests:**

1. Preparation for going to Cameroon and the details for that (visas, tickets, arrival date, etc.)
2. Continued progress in French
3. An opportunity to speak (in French) to a Sunday school class from my church next Sunday (May 28th)
4. Wisdom and grace for my N.T. class at the university. The professor is very "modern/secular" and although the class has been helpful for vocabulary, it has been a rather sad experience for me as I think of the other students in the class who are seemingly being "inoculated" against Jesus Christ. I have had the opportunity to talk with the professor afterwards individually, but still I'm distressed and wondering if there is a way I can be a witness in this context without being argumentative or misunderstood because of my limited French.
5. For the wisdom and grace for a small international Bible study I lead every two weeks (in English).

Thanks so much for your prayers and encouragement. I am truly blessed to have such a faithful team encouraging and supporting.

May the Lord bless you, Robert

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