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Dear friends & family,

I have arrived in Neuchâtel! I am living with the Staehlis who live about 10 miles northeast of Neuchâtel. Robert and Christine graciously offered me a place through an announcement made at their church regarding my coming. They know some English from working for about a year in the US which is also where they came to know the Lord through the ministry of an English teacher.

The town I live in is Le Landeron and it doesn't sound at all like it is spelled. It's going to take me a while to learn to say it correctly. The same goes for my name because a French "R" is one of the most difficult sounds in French to master. I've attached two pictures looking out from the house. One is looking out my windows towards Neuchâtel. The other is the view from the opposite side of the house overlooking the courtyard. I will include a picture of the Staehlis in a future letter.

Sunday I attended a baptism service at the church I'll be attending. It was a blessing and encouragement to see the number of teenagers following the Lord in this way. I also met a number of people including some of the other missionaries here for language school.

Monday was a full day for me. I spent the day orienting myself to Neuchâtel and talking to a couple language schools. I expect to enter the University course the beginning of July but would hope to spend the next three weeks InterLangues, another local school, if there are enough students to hold a class. The last part of the evening I spent with a family and had a true French immersion experience. It was challenging but fun. We managed to communicate the basics about our families and lives.

Thank you for your prayers. The transition to Switzerland has been very, very good. It was a huge blessing to have someone meet me at the airport, bring me to Neuchâtel, show me around town, talk to some of the language schools, feed me and show me how to use the train system. **Please pray for me as I finalize plans for language school. I would like to start something formal next week.**

Thank you for the notes of encouragement over the last several weeks. They have been a great blessing. I appreciate your prayers for the strength and grace to give a 100% to learning French.

In Him,

Robert Peterson
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