

# Buckshots

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## Thoughts

"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light" -- John Keith Falconer

"Lost people matter to God, and so they must matter to us." -- Keith Wright

## Meeting in a Furniture Store

After moving into our apartment in Lyon, we needed to find some furniture, appliances and beds. While looking at a mattress, I met a salesman named Tim. As I struggled to ask about the mattress in my limited French, he asked me if I spoke English. In our conversation, I learned he is from Ohio. He moved to France many years ago to play basketball, met his wife here and stayed in France. As I spoke to him about Jesus, I found out that he is away from God and that his brother is a pastor in Texas.

Five days later, I returned to the store and bought a bed frame from him. When I went to the loading area to pick it up, the man working in customer service approached me and secretly asked me if I was a pastor. He didn't speak any English, but I was able to determine, even with my limited French, that he had recently decided to search for God and had prayed for a change in his life. He said that Tim had talked to him about me. He said that he had been searching for God and asked me if I would pray for him. Not only did God create a connection between me and Tim, but Tim is sharing with others at his job. I've been back to that store, and we've talked a few times now. Thank you for praying for divine appointments! Please pray for these two men, and pray that God will put many others in our path.



A great city in need of a great God!



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"If God's love is for anybody anywhere, it's for everybody everywhere." – Edward Lawlor



Prayer Requests

1 Please pray for Tim, the man I met at the furniture store, and his colleague, who asked for prayer.

2 Please continue to pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people here.

3 Pray for the new church plant in the 7<sup>th</sup> district, that it will be well established, and that it will quickly grow strong.

4 Thanks for praying for me to learn French well and quickly. So far, so good!

5 We appreciate your prayers for our children. They are beginning to make new friends.

## The Light in the Middle of the Tunnel

Late Tuesday night, we were coming home from church on the subway, when the train stopped suddenly in the tunnel. The lights went out, and the emergency lights came on, followed by an announcement of technical difficulties. Surrounded by glum people in dim light, Rebecca looked wearily at me, and asked me what the announcement meant. I explained to her that the train wasn't working, and reminded her that she could pray. In the complete silence of the subway, everyone heard her question and the answer, and watched as she bowed her head, and prayed quietly. The instant she raised her head, the engines roared to life and the lights came back on. As the train continued toward home, the passengers in the car stared, stunned by the immediate answer to a child's prayer of faith.



Children are a reward from the LORD. (Psalm 127:3). In the two months we've been here, our children have opened doors for Kirsten to talk to people who would never speak to a stranger, but will speak to a mother with her children. Other mothers in the park, grandmothers in the subway, so many opportunities, all because of Rebecca, Jeanne and Jonathan. Please continue to pray for open hearts, that not one opportunity will be missed, and that our words will shine the Light of Jesus!



## Great is Thy Faithfulness, LORD God Almighty!

We've been here 2 months, and we are amazed at God's provisions. We live in an apartment (5<sup>th</sup> floor) in Lyon, and everywhere we look are people who need Jesus. Our boxes from the US finally arrived (eight weeks after we did), and we rented a van to pick them up from the shipper's office. With no one to help load the boxes into the van, the children prayed. And behold, an employee insisted on helping with his forklift, getting an hour's work done in ten minutes! The kids were overjoyed to see their toys again – Jonathan was ecstatic when he rediscovered his stuffed tiger!



## Blessings in Hilversum!!!!

Great news! The church we helped to plant in Hilversum has been meeting for five years in a building slated for imminent demolition. Because of this, the church has been able to use the building, which is owned by the city of Hilversum, rent-free! The plans for the demolition have just been cancelled, so the church will be able to continue using the building for some time to come! And now they are considering the possibility of purchasing the property.



- France has 65 million people and less than 1% follow Jesus Christ. (In the US, it is 32.5%)
- 32% of French people consider themselves atheists. (In the US, it is 4%)
- 96% of towns in France are without even a single Evangelical church. (In the US, nearly every town has one)
- 80% of French people have never owned or even seen a Bible. (In the US, many non-believers have a Bible somewhere in their home)
- There are more occult practitioners in France than Christian workers.

Thank you for sending us to reach the lost in France!

## Why France?

