

The Buck Family

Spring 2014

Goodbyes and Hellos

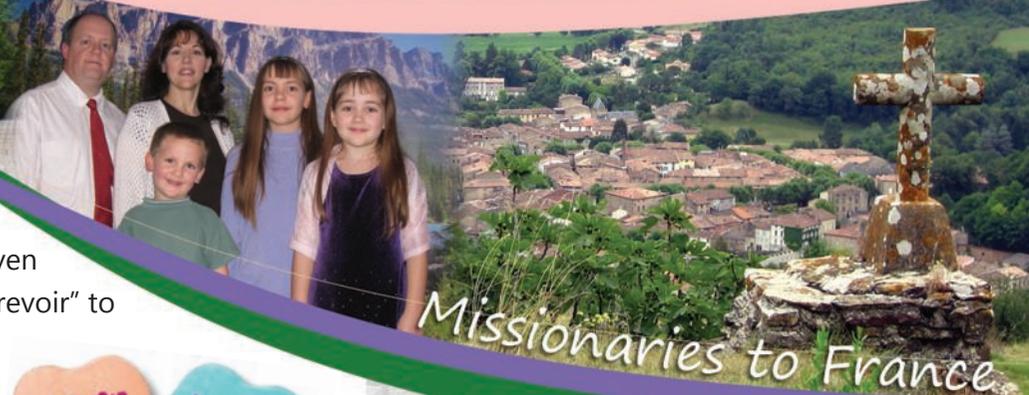
A missionary's life is full of good-byes and hellos, and we remind ourselves that in Heaven "you never have to say good-bye."¹ An "au revoir" to a dear one into whom we have poured ourselves is painful, yet the farewell is a forceful realization of the growth we have seen since we first said "hello." This joy mixed in the pain comes from knowing



that we have made a difference in someone else's life. True, we have to put our faith in the King of Heaven when we commit these precious ones to his care, but we can have more confidence in Him than we can in ourselves anyway!

As we pack our suitcases and organize our passports and plane tickets, we think of you, whom we haven't seen in **years!** You have prayed for us, you have supported us, you have spoken to the Father on our behalf. Everything that has gone well – you have done together with us. This is great joy, and the only pain in this joy is the sore shoulders from packing and carrying luggage!

¹ Lucado, Max: Just in Case You Ever Wonder, Thomas Nelson, 2000



Missionaries to France

Word on the Street

Our last day in Lyon – the boxes and furniture stacked in the rental truck, the apartment cleaned, only one thing remained: the apartment inspection. The new resident of the apartment arrived about the same time as the inspector, and everything was checked. Nothing unusual until the inspector casually asked Ed his occupation, and Ed simply stated that he is a pastor. The inspector and the new resident were stunned into speechlessness, as if they had never met one before, and had no idea what to say in response. As we leave this land for our furlough, we have this poignant reminder of how many people in France (yes, France!) have no idea who Jesus is, or why He died and rose again. How could we refuse to serve in this nation that so desperately needs the Light of the Messiah?



The church in Lyon is doing well, with baptismal services and new believer classes at the first church plant. The second church plant, which started in January, has more new faces. Your support in prayer and finances has been a tremendous blessing. Continue to pray that the French will come to Christ!



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Buckshots



Enjoying friends

Making the most of play time

Church production of Jonah



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Thoughts

"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him"

- Hudson Taylor

Little by Little

For the past year I have been meeting with a tutor twice a week to improve my French. Before we met, his wife warned me that he despised Christians, especially Evangelicals. After meeting together for over a year, he mentioned to his wife that he has changed his opinion about Evangelicals. He has been to church a couple times now, and loves to hang out at our house. He isn't a believer yet, and so we pray that he will soon make a decision for Christ.



Prayer Requests

For the believers we leave in Lyon, that they will continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For safe travels, and traveling mercies on the trip home.

For God's direction in finding a camper to live in while we travel throughout the US to visit you who have made it possible for us to join in God's work in Lyon, France.

For God's comfort for our children, who have to say good-bye to friends and familiar places.

For God's guidance and provision as we look ahead to our next term on the mission field.