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*Building spiritual movements in the Twin Cities and the Upper Midwest,
so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus*



Prayer Requests

- Pray for the upcoming student spring break trip to the Tampa area. 28 students are joining the team as we travel to Florida to share the gospel on the beach with tourists and on campus at the University of South Florida. May they travel safely and find many people ready to hear the Gospel
- Student leader selection for next year is underway. Pray the right people step forward and apply.

In January, twelve students and several members of Nathaniel's staff team traveled to France for our annual mission trip to college campuses there. With only 1.6% of France's population identifying as practicing Christians—and just one Evangelical church for every 25,000 people—we are grateful for the opportunity to bring students to a place they can witness deep spiritual need *and* God at work. This year, our partnership in France returned to Montpellier, a city that holds a special place in our hearts since we led the summer mission there in 2011!

While on campus, students Sophia and AJ struck up a spiritual conversation with Florian, an agnostic student. When we meet students on these trips, we invite them to events where they can hear the Gospel and connect with other French students who follow Jesus. Many French students say they don't know a single peer who is a Christian; faith is often seen as something for their grandparents' generation so it is especially important to help them meet other young French believers. Florian accepted the invitation to attend one of our events later that evening and AJ happened to be sharing his testimony! Florian even invited his friend Miguel to join him. Later, he told Sophia and AJ that his text to Miguel read, "Come meet some people who spoke about Jesus like I'd never heard before." Doesn't that sound so much like the Samaritan woman in John 4:29: "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"

One of our greatest hopes on trips like this is to connect students we meet with long-term staff in the city so relationships and Gospel conversations can continue. We were thrilled to learn that two students we met—Lili and Aymeric—have already met with the local Cru staff. When our student Zach first met Aymeric, he quickly shared that he was an atheist, yet he attended our evangelistic event that evening and has continued meeting with staff since then! Thank you for your continued partnership, which makes it possible to send students to the nations. Please pray for the ongoing spiritual growth of the students we met, coming to faith is often a long journey in France. Pray also that our students carry the impact of this trip into their everyday lives. Several have shared that they feel newly motivated to show and tell who Jesus truly is to their friends at home!



We spent many evenings in this central plaza during our summer mission to Montpellier. It's fun to see U of M Students there again!

On a Personal Note

Our February was colored by some ongoing lower back pain Nathaniel has been experiencing that really intensified this month. He's even having trouble sleeping now and all daily activity brings pain. The physical therapist concluded he has a bulging disc and they are working through a treatment plan, but it's definitely making many parts of daily life difficult. We'd love your prayers for healing & energy for Bethany.

