

# La Vie en France!

“THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON AS AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. DEAR FRIENDS, SINCE GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; BUT IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD LIVES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE IN US.”  
1 JOHN 4:10-12



Some of the staff serving in France (Two STINT teams in Montpellier and Nantes, and some of the long-term staff from Toulouse and Paris)

## January Re-cap:

### A few of our highlights:

- The start up of 1 (and maybe 2) Bible studies with the Agapé students
- Starting English club as a way to build relationships with students
- Meeting with our leadership team to dream and work together to be a spiritual movement on the campus
- An outreach we hosted called “café and conversation” to engage with our friends in intentional conversation

The Lord really blessed us this month by providing several new friendships with French students. Here’s a glimpse into some of the ways we’ve met our new friends on campus:

- ◆ **Survey:** Two girls sat next to us in the café, so we asked them a few questions about what French students think about spiritual things. It was a great conversation where we were able to spend time getting to know them as well as discuss spiritual matters.
- ◆ **Natural Connection:** Claire and Kelli started playing cards with a few girls in the café. During the conversation, Claire was able to share the gospel with one girl. She is really spiritually open and later came to our café and conversation outreach.
- ◆ **Being Foreigners:** A student came up to us because he heard us speaking English, and said he needed help with his English homework. We ended up in a great spiritual conversation and since then he’s come to our English club where he brought along two of his friends.

## Lift it Up!!!

- ❖ Praise God for an exciting month and the opportunity to try new things as we seek to reach students
- ❖ Praise God for an extremely refreshing conference in Spain!
- ❖ Pray for direction as we seek God for how he wants to develop the Agapé movement into more of a Christ-centered community
- ❖ Pray for students across Western Europe, that God would soften their hearts to the gospel. Pray for our friends serving in Nantes, Toulouse, London, Freiburg, Berlin, Florence, Rome, Salerno, Athens, Uppsala, Malaga, Newcastle, Dublin, and Paris, that God would work through them as they seek to make Christ known in their cities

## STINT Mid-year Conference in Spain!

**M**y teammates and I just had the blessing of attending our mid-year conference in Spain. We gathered in Nerja, on the southern coast, with the other STINT teams and long-term staff serving across Western Europe, Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East.

For me, one of the sweetest parts of the conference was spending time with the other STINT teams. The fellowship during that time was so refreshing. Because the past few months all of us have been experiencing similar challenges and joys, there was such a unique sense of connection among everyone. At times it can feel like we’re all alone in France, but joining together with the other teams provided a community and gave me

hope for how God is working across Europe. It was also so refreshing to worship and receive teaching in English!

There were two things that really struck me from this week. One is that before I can be used in the lives of students, I must first be walking closely with the Lord- everything else will flow from my own relationship with Him. Sharing the gospel will be a natural outpouring of how I am daily experiencing its power in my life. The second is the idea of becoming Christ-centered communities on our campuses. One speaker said that if Christ is not at the center, something else is. Pray for us as we ask God to show us how we can become a community that allows students to experience Christ in us.



Claire, Kelli, and I in Nerja, Spain