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It's time to go home. Il est temps de rentrer chez nous.



Karen is «détachée» from the French Ministry of Education. She is on loan to Denver International School, teaching French Kindergarten for the mile high city's professional class. Her job has allowed us to keep our boys in the French school system while in the USA. The experience has been wonderful for all of us. Karen has thrived professionally. Zboyz have mastered American English both through play and study. We have all become quite «attachés» to Denver's French-speaking community. It will be hard for us to leave, but the time has come for us to prepare to go back home. As stimulating as our time in Denver has been, this letter is about our joyful plans to return to our life and work in the suburbs of Paris, France...our home.



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working to promote and enlarge the missionary vision of the Association. Paul has served for nearly 40 yrs with WorldVenture in both France and Lebanon. He is currently serving as Director of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). Paul was one of my very first inspirations to work in the French-speaking world. It will be a great privilege to be mentored by him before he retires.

Karen and I made a quick trip to France in October to prepare our return. Since Karen, as a tenured teacher, is assured a position in the French public school system, she was able to focus attention on family and friends. Please do pray, however, that God would guide those responsible for her school placement.

I worked...hard and it felt sooo good to be back. In the above photo I'm with the president of our regional church association. Philip is also our national church planting director and the lead pastor of the Lagny Church. More importantly, he's my friend. WorldVenture has agreed to loan me to our French church association. It's my turn to be «détaché.» Philip and I have been busy defining my future ministry role... Actually, it's three complimentary roles.

First, the Lagny Church's elder board has recommended to the congregation that I become their part-time Missions Pastor. Members will vote on this decision at the annual «Assemblée Générale» in March. I'd be responsible for this local church's global outreach initiatives

Next, we incorporated Mission OIKOS as a French non-profit organization. I'll be heading up this nascent mission agency with a dynamic international team. As well as continuing to develop intercultural leaders, OIKOS will be sending both short-term and long-term missionaries from our French churches to serve the broader French-speaking world, especially Africa.

Finally, we're exploring an interesting role with the Association Baptiste. This will take time to develop, but initially I will sit as an observer on our French denomination's missions board along with one of my personal heroes, Paul Sanders. We will be

My three roles have one central purpose: to see lives transformed in Christ through participation in his mission to redeem and restore all creation. There is no work in this world that I'd rather do.

I am grateful to you, our American partners, for the means to serve the French church in a way that it can not yet afford. While under French leadership, my salary will still be paid through donations made to WorldVenture. When you give to WorldVenture for our ministry, you give my service to the French Church. And I am that much freer to give my gifts, time and passion to see Christ glorified. I don't take this privilege for granted. Thank you !

Your gifts and continued support are a great encouragement to us. I learned today that Twin Lakes Church (Aptos, CA) is contributing \$6 000 total in 2010-11 towards our move back to Paris on 28 June 2011. Wow ! That's fully half of the 12K that we need ! Amazing how God always provides what we need as we need it. We are also trusting Him for the monthly support we still need. Would you prayerfully consider increasing your support or, if you haven't already, joining our support team?

We've included some photos of zboyz for your enjoyment. They are all three excited to return to France. Pray for Samuel (fencing, top right) who will begin middle school when we return. Pray for Michaël who has the hardest time with cultural transitions and for Nathanaël who was only a baby when we left France. Pray for Karen and I as we make preparations over the next 6 months for the big shift. We're getting better at it with experience but it's always a wild ride !

Blessings ! The *French Finleys*

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