

French Language School Continues

In one more week we will complete our first semester of French studies at Laval. After 15 weeks we are now able to carry-on simple conversations. In our class, we each gave 30 minute presentations. In addition, I have begun to lead prayers and read Scripture in French during worship services.

Three months ago, we could barely say hello. Now we can comprehend around 50-60% of the French we hear and we still have two more summer semesters to go. I am confident that we will be at a "functional" level in French when we arrive in Benin.

French Study Goals

Closing Prayers at Church

- By August, I want to be able to lead closing prayers on Wednesday evenings. While this may not sound difficult, it is because it involves not only praying in French but also listening to and understanding prayer requests from the members at church (understanding their Quebecois accent is part of the challenge).

Bible Class

- I want to teach one Wednesday night Bible class by August. This involves presenting a lesson and leading the members in discussion for one hour in French.

Church in Quebec

- As we continue to learn, we are able to participate more in the worship services as well as converse in French with the members.

Team

Our team continues to grow closer as we work together to learn French. The Baileys and Chownings have sent us several positive reports about their initial evangelistic efforts. The Aja people are open and receptive to the message of Christ. We are anxious to join them as they shine God's light in the darkness of Benin.

Le Bébé

Christine and 'Stephen' are doing well. His due date is just a few weeks away (May 24th). We are excited to begin this new phase in our lives. God has blessed us so richly and we are confident that He will continue to do so in the future.

Because of Stephen's arrival in mid-May, Christine will not attend summer school. Instead, she will continue her French studies at home with a tutor for two, two-hour sessions each week.

Thank you so much for your love, encouragement, prayers, and support! You are empowering us to reap the **Aja Harvest** that God has prepared. May God bless you richly as you seek to advance His Kingdom!

For the Aja,
