

THE STEVENSONS
January/February 2011 Update

Dear friends & family,

Rebekah and I, along with our three children would like to extend to each of you our warmest wishes for a new year. It is hard to believe that it is this month three years ago that we packed our bags to begin a new life and ministry in another country. Indeed, it has been quite the journey. At that time, we only had two children. God taught us many things and stretched us in many areas during this time.

As we begin another year, we would like each of you to know how grateful we are for your love, encouragement, visits, financial and prayer support. Each of you mean a lot to us, and often we wish that we could do a better job at expressing this in a greater more personal way.

Jared was able to return to the states in time for our entire family to be able to spend both Thanksgiving and Christmas with Rebekah's family in Jackson, TN. It really has been a great time to be with family and get some rest. While there, we were able to find a nice used Chrysler Town & Country Van that we hope will serve us well during these months of furlough.

As of January 2nd, we are now back up in PA. We are really thankful to High Point Baptist Chapel for opening up their missionary house to us for the month of January. It is a very beautiful and comfortable home with tons of area for the kids to run around. Every church member/staff that we have been in contact with here has been so kind, hospitable and helpful. We are thoroughly enjoying our stay with them!

In early February, Rebekah and I will be flying back to France for about 10 days (Jan 30-Feb 9). We have some administrative visa things to take care of in addition to meeting with several pastors and missionaries. We continue to pray and seek counsel as to our next step upon our return to France after our furlough. Would you pray too that God would make this very clear to us in His timing?

Upon our return back to the states, we will be participating in a mission's conference near Augusta, SC, and then returning to the northeast until late spring. In addition to reporting to our current supporting churches, we are also making plans to visit a few new ones during this time. We hope to be able to slightly increase our support level in order to keep up with a growing family as well as make up for what we have lost due to our country's financial downturn.

It is nice to be back and hope to be able to reconnect with some of you over the next few months.

Love in Christ,
Jared & Rebekah Stevenson