

Hello!

I'm finally back in Paris! I've been through five countries in the past 3 weeks and it's good to be home. My adventures started with a bus drive to northern Germany through Belgium and Holland. I was a coach at the annual OM youth conference called



TeenStreet. I got to sleep with literally a thousand of my closest friends from all over the world. Fortunately, we were broken up into

small groups, so having nearly 4,000 people at one site wasn't so overwhelming. I had a group of 4 young French girls who were pretty good and patient with me speaking French.

The theme for the week was "Contagious: Infect your sphere" and we talked about what it means to be a contagious Christian. In addition, we focused on AIDS and the plight of those afflicted with the disease.

From Germany, several of us left at 2 in the morning to drive to Amsterdam to fly to Southampton, England. The first day, we managed to nap and do laundry to prepare for the week. It was Daisy Dip Week for the community. Daisy Dip is the name of the park we were working in, which is in the low land in the middle of the neighborhood. For many of the families, they look forward



My French girls in England

to this week all year long because they can not afford to go on holiday. Every morning, we had kids clubs in the park with the theme of "Shining as Stars" with songs, games and a short

message for the kids. In the afternoons, we had a carnival for the families of the neighborhood serving roughly 300 hamburgers and 200 hotdogs per day. We

had bouncy castles, balloon animals, face painting and bracelet making for the kids. It was amazing to see the change in these kids with just a little bit of attention paid to them. One of the days, my job was to take the names and addresses of the kids that were getting on the inflatable bull ride for safety regulation purposes. God really reminded me that "I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." (Isaiah 45:3) and he knows the names of each of those precious children.

There were several highlights of my trip to England. In addition to eating at Burger King and having cheddar cheese, we got to have a girls' night with the workers to eat chocolate, do facials and paint nails. It was a really special time to bond and remember that despite having slept on the floor and having worn the same clothes for 2 weeks, we were beautiful daughters of the King.



Yays!

- Safe travels all over Europe and being back home in Paris in a real bed!
- 13 baptisms in England. ☺
- I get a little time off the next couple weeks to recover from traveling.
- My one year anniversary with OM is in a few weeks.



Needs:

- Wisdom preparing for this next year of classes that starts in September.
- Continuing to be "contagious" in my day to day life.

Grace & peace,

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