

## Conquering Fears

What is your biggest fear? You might laugh, but I am terrified of mice. You can imagine my terror when, while studying French in my host family's home, I saw two tiny mice scampering through my room! My host mother did not have any traps, so she gave me a box and said "catch them!" What followed was a hilarious episode of me chasing a very fast mouse. By the end, I abandoned my futile mission and laughed at the ridiculous scene! Mice still scare me, but not nearly as much.

I'm learning a lot about conquering fears. In the past, I let my fears hold me back and avoided challenges. But now, when I confront my fears, they're not as scary anymore. As I encounter new adventures on mission with God here in France, I lean on Him in new ways. The only way I can experience freedom from fears is to take them to Jesus. With Christ there is peace, comfort, and trust as I present my worries to Him. I know He is listening.

I do not have to be afraid anymore because God is making the impossible, possible. For example, I didn't think I could learn French, but I am advancing to a new level! I didn't think I had the gift of evangelism, but God is making me bold in sharing my faith. I didn't think I could raise the necessary financial support, but God is touching the hearts of generous donors. As I trust God for larger concerns, I see him work in new ways and I grow in faith!

Please pray for understanding in language learning and wisdom in explaining Christ to my friends here. Pray for God's guidance as I prepare to serve long-term in Burkina Faso.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

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By Krista DeBoer

Krista is language learning in France in preparation to join the team in N'Dorola, Burkina Faso



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## An Expanding Family

"Just after celebrating our first year in Mexico, we were thrilled to hold our first baptism! The day began with worship and sharing testimonies. Then, everyone cheered as twelve new believers were baptized and joined the church family!

Charlie, one of the guys who was baptized, is only 15 years old. When he heard about the upcoming baptism, he told his parents that they should all get baptized as a family! On baptism Sunday, each of them gave their testimony and entered the pool together to start their new life in Christ. Following the baptism, we celebrated with a huge pool party and potluck!

We can't stress enough how humbling it is that God's allowed us to be here to see all this – to be a part of this family's life and to have watched God grow a passion in each of their hearts to learn more about Him is incredible. His Spirit has also infused them with a love for the Church and a desire to serve the Body here in Campo Real!

This family knows Christ because of God's love and grace in their lives and because you are praying and giving. You are a part of their story.

Please pray with us for the spiritual growth of this family and the other nine believers. Pray that more of our neighbors will be freed from hurt by Christ's unswerving love. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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By James and Alyssa Wiest

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