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"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b

AN HONOR AND A BURDEN

Two West African women, wrapped in jewel-toned fabrics from head to ankle, talk while they wait. Their faces are full of expression. An overstuffed bag of fruits and vegetables sits at their feet, and a baby, tucked in tight, sleeps on his mother's back. It's still early in the day, and they will work hard all day. At dark, they will make the trip home to take care of their own families. Suddenly, there's a whoosh and a screech. The doors of a subway open and they journey across Paris.

These two represent the nearly 1 million West African immigrants living in Paris, France. Tourists come to Paris for the history, art and food; West Africans come to provide basic needs for themselves and their families back in their African villages. They sacrifice being home with loved ones, and that is both an honor and a burden. The majority of West African immigrants are men.

They search for jobs in construction, street-cleaning, shops, restaurants or selling trinkets to tourists. Living in government-subsidized apartments, as many as eight men will share one small room. They bring few possessions, but what they carry to France is pride in their mother-tongue languages, cultures and, most importantly, their religion, Islam. To be West African, for many, is to be Muslim. Please pray for West Africans living in Paris to learn about the love of Jesus.

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MISSIONARY KIDS

Please pray for our ministries with the Gypsies. My uncle has also just passed away. Please pray for us. JAMES, age 12 (American peoples)

Pray I will make good decisions about what college to attend and my future. Pray that I will adjust well to living at home again after having been a dorm student for a couple of years. JOHN-CLAUDE, age 17 (European peoples)

Please pray for more doors to open for more place to work in. And please pray for Leon, GTO because some missionarys are leaving. SARAH, age 10 (American peoples)

Pray for the people to know Jesus and for us to learn the language. EMMA, age 7 (Sub-Saharan African peoples)

Pray for New Believers to follow Christ, for National brothers to help in the work, and ask God to help people dispose of their idols. LUKE, age 13 (American peoples)

Pray for my grandmother who needs money and needs to sell houses. DARIO, age 12 (European peoples)

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