FRANCE

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I'm posting from Vichy in the centre of France where I'm spending a couple of days with SIL colleagues who are moving on to new assignments. For the last ten years, Ric and Cathy have been supporting people who were studying French in preparation for work in Africa. I'm visiting to say thanks for everything they've done and to see what lessons we can learn from their experience.

The trip down was rather good. The weather was lovely so I got super views on the flight from Southampton to Paris. On the RER train from the airport to the centre of Paris, I received a phone call asking if I'd write a short magazine article on the future of world mission - I did that on the train to Vichy and emailed it off this morning. Watch this space for publication details. The journey from Paris to Vichy (3 hours) was rather lively as there was a two year old girl and her mum sitting near me. The girl did not stop singing, dancing, shouting, talking.... all the way down. I was more familar than I ever want to be with the contents of two French kids' books by the time Vichy arrived!