

Hello dear warriors !

The road has been long and sometimes hard but I have reached the end of my time with OM. For my supporters with automatic withdrawal, OM USA should stop withdrawing from your account.



This past week has been filled with bittersweet goodbyes. I'm excited to be getting married and starting a new chapter with my Teaching English as a Second Language class but I'll miss the women as well. I had a mini party with my girls in English class and

finished by playing Uno with them as always. In French class, we had a Christmas party where the women all brought cakes and doughnuts that were homemade. I danced with some of them and they sang me a song with some of them chanting and the others repeating. The words said "Your husband is coming. He's bringing a ring." I danced, shaking my hips with a scarf around them. Jan also told the story of Christmas and explained why we celebrate. We don't celebrate Christmas just to put up lights or get presents. We celebrate it as the birthday of Jesus, who came into this world as a baby boy and grew to save the world. When Jan asked why we celebrate Christmas, one of my favorites, Yamna, answered right away that it's because of Jesus. She has heard the Gospel several times because she's been in class for a couple years. Pray that Jan may continue the work that has been started, even before



my time. I have a replacement coming towards the end of January so Jan just has a few weeks of teaching both levels together until Katie comes. It still hasn't completely hit me that I won't be going back to teaching in January.



David and I are getting legally married in about 2 weeks. I finally received my birth certificate and it's at the translator's but we can't turn it in until after we get back from Strasbourg for Christmas. I'll spend my first two months of being legally married in an intense class and then in the States. The church wedding is still being tentatively planned for April here in France, though we don't have an exact date hammered down yet. I have bought my plane ticket for the States though. I'll be in Virginia on February 19 after a few days in Atlanta for debriefing. I'll be home for a few weeks so I'd love to see as many people as I can.

Thank you all for reading and following me these past two years. I wouldn't have made it without faithful financial supporters and prayer partners. God is continuing the work that I've started and I will

never understand completely the impact that my time here made.

May the Lord bless and keep you this Christmas, as always,

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