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Bonne année! (Happy new year!)

So many fun things have happened this month! I spent Christmas stateside with my family and many of you got to meet and



David & I at Belle Isle

interview David, who is in the application process to be my lifelong partner. Thus far, the test results have been positive and he's still in the running to

become my man. It was really eye-opening to see my hometown through foreign eyes and I think it really gave him a chance to see me on my ground and understand more of why I am how I am. He fared pretty well in English, but sometimes he would get tired of speaking in a foreign language. Now that we're back, he really recognizes how good my French is and that it's okay when I sometimes tune out when his family is buzzing around me, talking about computer programming in French. We also discovered that French is our official language when we're together, no matter what country we're in. Fear not, I won't forget my English. ☺

We got back, got over jetlag and now I've started the new work in Asnières. I worked there five and a half years ago for a summer, so the surroundings are familiar and God has placed me exactly where I thought I'd be



My classroom

working 5 years ago. What an awesome God we serve! There are a lot of advantages to this class, as far as space is concerned. There are only two levels

and two rooms so we don't have to yell to teach four different levels in one room. It's more of a classroom experience where I'm in front of them instead of the tutoring I did before. The building is also a little bit back from the road so we don't have random people just hanging outside of our door.

I'm teaching the upper of the two levels. The women can more or less read and write but they have difficulties with even simple adjective agreement and I'm sure that verb conjugations will be a challenge. However, I always tell them that if we knew everything, we wouldn't have to come to school, so I'm really proud of them for coming back and trying to learn. The women are so open and I've already been to the home of one of them with the other teachers for a big couscous meal. Yum!

Yays!

- Seeing friends and family for Christmas

Needs:

- Our precious Sapphire left us and we have another girl coming to work with OM that will be living in her room but not working with our team. There's always a time of adjustment with people coming and going.
- Continuing to build relationships with the women in the new class



Meilleurs voeux! (Best wishes!)

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