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Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

I tried to explain Saint Patrick's Day to David and his family but they just looked at me weird when I told them that you have to wear green or you'll get pinched and there are little green men at the end of the rainbow. The real story of Patrick is actually quite fascinating about how he brought Christianity to the Irish and used the shamrock to explain the trinity (three leaves but one plant).

I was actually on "vacation" for two weeks, which really means that I have all my normal classes except for French. Instead, I planned lessons for the next six weeks to put in a notebook that I have to print and bind for each of my students. I was really ready to get back to work because 'vacation' was so exhausting.

Since it was a holiday for all the schools and we didn't have youth group, David and I decided to visit his friends in Le Havre (Northern France) where he grew up. The family that we stayed with graciously



allowed us use of their car so we could visit his old neighborhood and explore the beaches along the rocky coast. We ate at a really

nice seafood restaurant. I never really realized how sheltered we are in the States when it comes to food. I tend to prefer my food when it can't look me in the eye but the French just serve the food as it came out of the ocean, head and all. Growing up at the 'rivah', as Richmonders affectionately call the Eastern Virginia coast, I can pick a crab and shell a shrimp but David's lunch was

downright frightening! I opted for some nice cooked scallops that no longer resembled characters from Finding Nemo and helped David shell and eat his seafood after he 'americanized' it for me.

Classes started up again last week and I feel like the women are progressing. They're starting to understand the concept of conjugating verbs, which is a major roadblock. English classes continue as well. Two of the girls that come are in the top of their class in English. I'm not sure if that's because they come to my classes or if they come to our classes because they enjoy English. In any case, we are having fun with them. During break, we went and played card games and Guess Who with them. We had a minor incident where a drunk man was threatening another man in our classroom (I think they were co-owners and there was a meeting upstairs). We prayed with the girls for that man to calm down and it was amazing to see the change in him after we prayed.

Yays:

- Classes have restarted
- A change of pace during break



Needs:

- Wisdom and guidance in knowing about the next phase after this year.
- A spirit of peace over the children that come with their moms to French class and not a spirit of interruption
- Comprehension of the stories for the women

Dans Sa paix (In His peace),

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