

Howdy!

I can't imagine a crazier month in Paris. I've had the best and worst month and have had my whole world shaken. In the end, my focus is finally back where it needs to be.

We had two weeks of 'vacation' from classes. During the first week, we did an



outreach in a town south of Paris. We had some people come from outside of France but most of us work here.

I got the

pleasure of helping out in the kitchen with my team leader. It was good for me to come back to the heart of a servant and I really enjoyed helping to cook for the team of 30 people for a week. It also allowed me to spend some time alone with God, which was much needed.

In the cinema of my mind, I saw a short film. I saw a mountain with fresh, pure air and in the valley, there was smog and filth. I realized that God was on the mountain top and that I lived and worked in the valley. At the top of the mountain, I had a bottle big enough to contain enough fresh air for a day plus a little left over to share with those I encountered.



That meant that I had to go back up to the top of the mountain and hang out with God every day to get refueled. In working, sometimes we forget that we need to stop and take care of ourselves and we just push on in our own strength but we keep getting more and more tired. I was emotionally and physically exhausted and had nothing left to give because I wasn't taking time to receive.

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With vacation the last two weeks of April and 3 national holidays at the beginning of May, it's been hard to get back into the rhythm of classes. Now, we've moved into the stories of the end of Jesus' life on earth. The women seem to understand the stories, but it's hard to get from a point of hearing nice stories to seeing them penetrate hearts.

During one of the national holidays, we took an opportunity to show a film of the stories we've been sharing. Only 4 women came, but they were interested in the film and were really touched by seeing the stories we've been sharing with them, in action. During the film, one of the women kept telling me that she remembered the stories from when Jan had shared them.

Yays!



- First international phone call from the United States in a year and a half overseas.

- Rachel, Andrea and Laura came to visit me in Paris!
- For time on the mountain and for the beginning of the healing process



Needs:

- Continual strength to crawl to the top of the mountain for renewal every morning.
- Understanding of the stories for the women
- Guidance in what to do next year and confidence in hearing His still small voice.

His servant,

*Lisa*