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Hello!

Sorry this is a bit later than I would have liked to have gotten it out, but I just got back home after a week away. Some cool work assignment in the South of France?

Unfortunately, no, the train conductors decided to go on strike so I had to stay at my teammate's apartment and then at a friend's house so that at least two of us managed to go to work last week. Last Thursday, none of the transportation worked so Celeste and I



**Teaching Team**

walked to work (only about 30 minutes of brisk walking) and taught 22 women by ourselves. We know without a doubt that God was with us that day because we usually have 8 teachers and helpers!

Classes are going well this year. Now that Ramadan (the month of fasting in Islam) is over, the women are starting to come back. We also started aerobics classes again. I was sick the first class and Celeste was sick the second class so I had to lead aerobics on my first day back after the summer. We only had one woman that came to join us and she insisted that we do a full hour. I slept really well that night and found some muscles I didn't know I had.

I've been working with the lowest level of literacy. We've learned the vowels in upper and lower case and we're starting to learn consonants. This week, we'll be splitting the lowest level in two and I'll take the more advanced ones to teach them cursive and some grammar. One of the women asked to learn how to write a check so I think we're

going to start working on that with some of them. One woman asked me to teach her how to write out the numbers with letters. Sometimes I take it for granted that I can do such simple tasks as write a check or read the signs in the metro stations. We would like for the women that pass through our classroom have a better life, not just on this earth but also in eternity.

Yays!:

- I'm learning a little German from my new roommates. My favorite word is *Blitzkrieg*. (For those who aren't fluent in German, the word means



“lightening war” and I use it for a variety of different situations including describing the popping in a microwave and the strikes in Paris.)

- Youth group with French kids.
- I live in the best city in the world. Don't believe me? Come and see!

Needs:

- Wisdom in planning lessons for the women with lessons that will help them.
- That God's Word will not return void.
- For good health now that it's cold and flu season.

Santé (Cheers),  
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