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Dear Christmas Tree,

It's almost Christmas. As I sit here and write this, Teresa is sautéing some fresh mushrooms from a nearby farm. The aroma is amazing and filling our small kitchen. I wish you could be here to share it with us.

The Jordanian seasonal rains finally came, albeit a little late, but have started to make things green in a usually-brown desert landscape. The olive and fig trees seem to be drinking it up after recent pruning. For a place that averages only 10 inches of rain per year, people literally celebrate when it comes.

When January arrives, we will have been here a solid five months, working on six. Level 1 of our Arabic language class is complete, with Level 2 coming fast starting on January 25th. If I had to sum up the past five months of our time, aside from the intensity of learning the Arabic language, I believe I would do it with a picture like the one you see below. Dr. Nabeel Jabbour, one of our mentors, always told us **"The stronger the bridge of relationship, the more truth it can bear."**



Relationship is key to speaking truth into someone's life. Daily, Teresa and I continue to establish and build solid "bridges" that, in time, will support the truth of the Gospel.

We'll bring this short letter to an end by saying thank you very much for your continued prayer and financial support. **We couldn't do this without you.** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We miss you.

Sincerely,

Pat + Teresa  
Patrick and Teresa Houghteling

