

Dear Immanuel,

It has been a long time since we have written and an update is long overdue! This is due in part to the fact that we have spent the last few months contemplating our time here, our work and the upcoming year. After a lot of discussion and prayer we've decided to come home a year earlier than planned. It's been a difficult decision as we have grown to love Egypt and our friends in Menouf and it feels strange to leave them early. However, looking particularly at James's work, which has grown to be essentially only administrative, it seems like time to return home so that James can focus back on nursing and further studies. As well, it will be good to be near family as we are expecting our first child at the end of October

We will be returning on the 18th of July and look forward to connecting with family and friends. We are so thankful for your prayers in the past months as we evacuated Egypt, returned and resumed our lives here. Thank your for continued prayer support in these next weeks as we go through the process of saying good bye and then adjusting back to life in Canada. James is hoping to return to work as an ER nurse and Stephanie will be staying home with our upcoming baby. We are planning on settling in St. Thomas for the next few years, but look forward to visits to Immanuel and catching up in person.

Thanks again for your all your love and encouragement,

James and Stephanie