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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

In the event you want a 2016 tax deduction, remember that your check needs to be dated by December 31.
MERCI to all of you who support us financially and prayerfully. We couldn't carry out our mission without your help.

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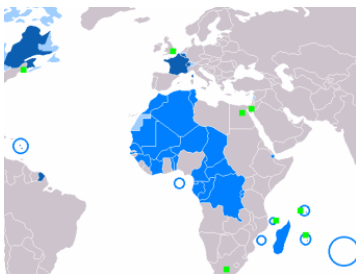
LYON

I have begun a one-on-one study with a young man who asked to learn about God after observing the changed life of a young Christian friend. Good news!

We have a close friend (agnostic) who's dying of cancer. He wanted to see us at the hospital, and God blessed our conversation. Pamela asked him if he would like me to pray for him and I did. When we opened our eyes, he was crying. Pamela & I pray that the Spirit will continue working on



Arlin's surprise birthday party
thrown by the Lyon church



A global outreach to the
French-speaking world

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

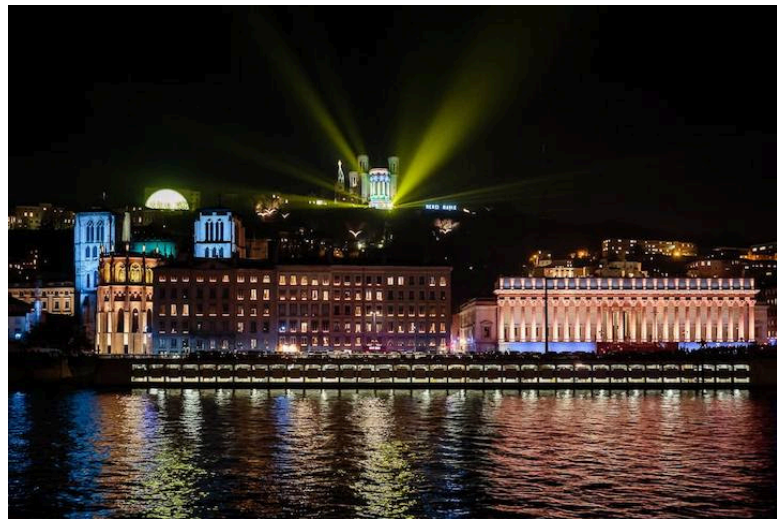


January: Ladies' spiritual retreat
in Geneva (program by Lyon)

Philippe's heart. It's evident that his wife has already come a long way in her faith walk. Praise God!

Pamela has had a curious series of emails with a Parisian on a site like Craigslist. After several polite exchanges, the lady wrote, "...You reflect so much kindness & goodness that light must surely shine all around you..." That was Pamela's cue to respond "...I'm a Christian and try to imitate Jesus' life by radiating life, light & love. Or at least I try..." And so they corresponded back & forth for about a week.

"Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." (1 Corinthians 3)



Lyon's Light Festival on the Rhone River

Roman theaters in Lyon date from 15 BC





March: Our annual mission trip to Guadeloupe (a highlight even if I did break 4 ribs while there)



You can click on pictures to make them bigger!



1 of Pamela's 7 Caribbean classes



May: Annual family retreat in central France for French-speaking churches of Europe

Lyon is called the City of Light. In December is its world-renowned Festival of Lights. I don't know how many attended this year, but in 2014 over 3 million people streamed in for the 3-day light show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnuLNQD38qo>

BEYOND LYON

This year the Lyon Church of Christ organized the program for church leaders, held at a retreat center an hour north of Lyon. Our 3 themes were: (1) Going beyond zeal to boldness in sharing our faith despite Satan's attacks; (2) Witnessing to an atheistic world that's increasingly Muslim; (3) Creating better connections and respect between generations within the church and serving together. Our discussions were rich, and we were encouraged by the record attendance of 55 participants.



Pamela & I lived in Geneva in the 70's and always enjoy going back to see our old friends. Last month our journey wasn't so joyful since it was to attend the funeral of **Liliane PERRENOUD**. Pamela was present at the baptisms of Liliane & her husband **Raymond** in 1978, making for special bonds. Funerals have helped Pamela & me to realize how important it is to live your life reflecting on what people will say about you after you die.

FAMILY

I'm the only family member we'll mention this time except to say we spent the holidays far from family whom we miss very



July: Visits from Nathan & Jana's family to bid farewell to their childhood home



August: Forced move to this new house from our home of 36 years which turned out to be a blessing



We moved 300 shrubs, bulbs & flowers from our old house



September: Joint concert by choruses from St. Petersburg (Russia) & Marseille (France). You can listen to the quality of the

much. On January 4 I'll have carpal tunnel surgery on my left hand. In 2010, I had surgery on the right and all went well. I do know I will be quite handicapped for several weeks. Thankfully we've completed our move, and our yard and garden preparation are finished until spring.



FRIENDS

Last newsletter we forgot to mention 2 October visits: **Doyle & Barbara KEE**, missionaries in Geneva, came to share a meal with us and returned home with 4 bushes from our old yard that we couldn't transplant. **Camille & Brigitte RUIZ**, dear friends also from the Geneva church, spent a Sunday with us. Camille was a great help to me with some heavy yard work.

Mark & Jill BRAZLE, former missionaries in Belgium now involved in missionary care throughout the world, spent a night with us on their way to visit new missionaries. They are great "Barnabases".

David & Béatrice LANOIX, our "adopted children" from Guadeloupe, came with 7-year-old Elie for 3 days during Christmas break. I've known David since he was a child and it was his parents, Max & Monique, who began the church where Pamela & I go every year.

"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared

St. Petersburg chorus here:
<https://youtu.be/7NOSf023xYI>



October: New church songbooks

Check out our Web site for back issues of our newsletter – especially the April issue if you didn't read about how God provided our new house!
<http://www.hendrixfrancophone.com>

Prayers

- For my Bible studies with Maïti
- For our friend Philippe whose cancer has metastasized
- May each one of us seek ways to share our faith
- For Arlin's carpal tunnel surgery on January 4
- Thanksgiving for God providing our new home and our good health
- Greater appreciation of the hope of our heavenly home
- For God's care for our family far away (That separation doesn't get any easier as the years go by!)

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to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." (1 Peter 3)



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