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We've had maybe a record number of guests lately plus lots of good things going on at church.
Take a peek at our pictures too!

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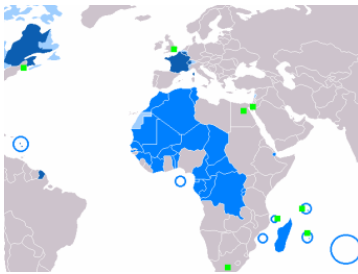
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LYON

The best local news is that **2 of our church members** have come back. One woman, after attending elsewhere, decided to return and be active in our congregation – a decision welcomed by all and with open arms. Another member had been coming only occasionally for years and is now more regular. We learned during a recent visit in our home that her husband, a non-believer, is becoming more open to learning about God.

We continue our studies with **Nicole**, with whom we had studied before & during our stay in Guadeloupe. (She & her husband **Xavier**, a Christian, joined us there for a



A global outreach touching all parts of the French-speaking world



Cherry season at the Hendrixes'

Prayers

- Thanksgiving for all of you who support our mission, both prayerfully & financially
- Rejoicing for the 2 Lyon Christians who are coming back to church now
- For the growing faith of Nicole, Françoise, Martine & our other friends
- Thanksgiving for regular visits from Christian

month.) We are now studying God's Plan for Man, a PowerPoint overview of the Bible.

We also continue studying with **Françoise** from the Gospel of Mark. It is a delight to see her thirst for more knowledge. She says that she is "within an inch" of baptism and committing her life to God.

Another friend, **Martine**, is visiting church more & more often. Over a recent meal we were able to have a loving but frank conversation about her salvation, and she said she "owes us much" for teaching her.

Others we've had into our home include the **Stossers** & the **Raudes**, who thanked us for being their friends & confidants for years. It's encouraging to see their growing openness to things spiritual.

The Lyon Church of Christ is still seeking a **new meeting place**. Several members & even some contacts have been searching. We need a bigger facility with parking that is also accessible via tramway or subway. We beseech you to join with us in prayer about that.



Arlin the croquet coach, a lazy afternoon with 25 guests

students & friends

- For a new meeting place for the Lyon church of Christ
- Praise for Pamela's restored health and for these times of refreshment
- That we all bring much glory to God



Lyon amphitheater where Blandine & hundreds others were killed, 177-204 A.D.



Gothic gargoyles galore, St. John's Cathedral built 1180



Lyon has second-largest

June 9, a holiday in France, set the record as the longest fellowship gathering we've had at our house. Our "afternoon to relax at the Hendrixes" lasted from 2 p.m. to 9:23 p.m. The high that day was 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 Celsius). Twenty-seven of us sat in the shade & visited, plus there were games of croquet, ping-pong & badminton. Fun times.



Harding students sang, did skits & a mini VBS in Lyon

Almost every year, the French professor at Harding University brings a **group of American French students** to give a concert and do a mini vacation Bible school in Lyon. This time, VBS was held at a refugee center in Lyon. In addition, Robert taught 3 good classes about God's grace. And a group of 29 came over for a cookout at our place. A very rich weekend!

Renaissance district after Venice



Lion in Lyon (& 1400's Inn of the Golden Cross)



Bull Street (people couldn't read in Middle Ages)



Street crepe vendor in Old Lyon



Cookout at our house for 29 people (McCreedy group)

CENTRAL FRANCE

The biggest gathering of French churches of Christ is every May at the mountain camp 2 hours southeast of Lyon. This year **Buddy JONES, David KEE, Robert McCREADY & Yann OPSITCH** taught on the theme of being “strangers in this world”. This was one of our best retreats – for the lessons & the weather & 130 participants.





Towers used as fire lookouts
in olden days



Renaissance courtyard, Lyon

**Acts 13:47 -
We too believe
that God has
called us to be
a light to bring
salvation to
the ends of
the earth.
MERCI to all of
you who make
our mission
possible.**

Weekend retreat in central France with edifying classes

FRIENDS

We've had maybe a **record number** of guests lately, but we're not complaining because we're so grateful to God for Pamela's restored health!

Doyle KEE & 3 others (from Geneva, Switzerland, and Lille, France) spent the night with us on their way to do mission work in Africa.

Don MELLOR from Washington & **his son Aaron** from Oklahoma came by for several days during their visit to France.

We hosted for week our dear friends from Oklahoma, **Steve & Gwen WRIGHT**. They have done much to help & strengthen us. **Their son Paul** joined them at our place for a couple of days at the end of their visit.

We had a 1-day surprise visit from **Buddy & Maurine JONES** from Georgia, who then went with us to the retreat. They are former missionaries to Geneva then to Nantes, France, and we still miss them here in Europe.

Another weekend, we had the **Marc DAVY family** from Le Mans, France. We kept their 2 girls while Marc & Patricia attended conferences in Lyon. They consider us their spiritual parents, and they are a constant source of encouragement to us.

During the Harding University group's stay in Lyon, we hosted **Robert & Silva McCREADY and their 3 children** in our home. It gave them a much-needed time of rest & quiet.

One afternoon we had lunch with **Fok & Jennifer LEUNG** from Idaho. Jennifer is the daughter of close friends who



Lyon's 10-acre rose gardens,
30,000 bushes, 350 varieties

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have participated in the Lyon work twice over the years. Jennifer spoke at an international math conference in Lyon.

We also had a meal with **Fred & Patricia HEZARD** from Marseille. Patricia is in Lyon for 3 months training for a new job, and it's a privilege to be with her regularly.

Finally, we took a day off to meet our close friends from Geneva, **Camille & Brigitte RUIZ**, for lunch & an afternoon tour in the French countryside. They have been so good to hold us up during discouraging times in the past – as have so many others. But now we're experiencing times of refreshment, and we are so very thankful to God.

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