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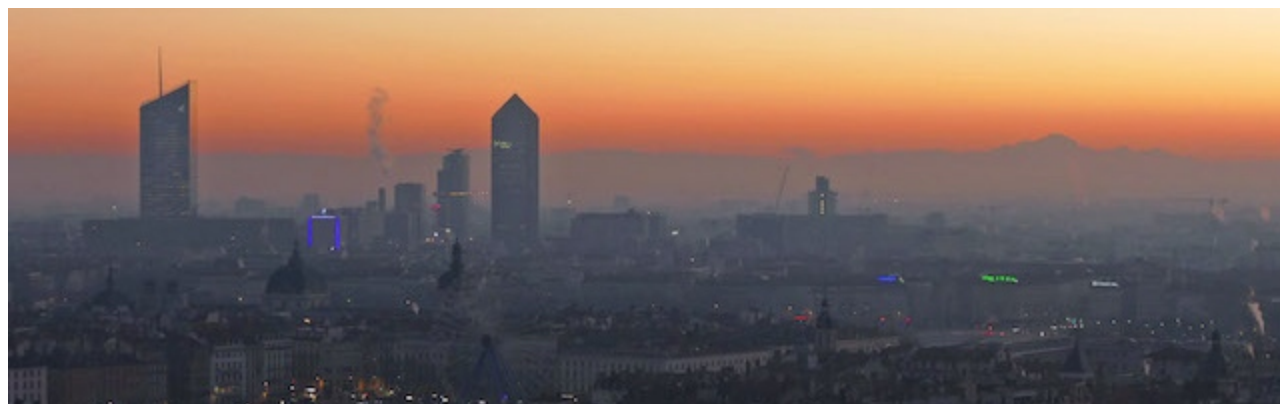
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Photo below: Sunrise over Lyon & Mont Blanc 98 miles (158 km) away



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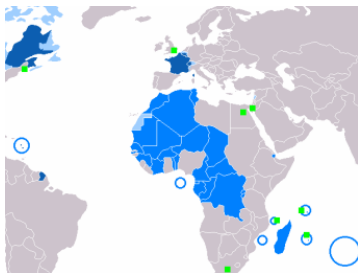


LYON

Summer means less church activities and more **hospitality** (18 over for meals since our last newsletter), despite this summer's heat waves, with 7 days so far over 100°F. Like most French, we don't have air-conditioning so it gets up to about 86°F inside our house. Luckily we didn't have overnight guests those days!

We have a nice spread of ages at church, except for preschoolers. Maybe the tide is starting to turn since in June a **baby** was born.





Outreach to the French-speaking world



Tom, Carine & family



The **WOOTON** family is back! They live in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, but return for a couple of months each summer to visit her parents near Lyon. They're a great addition to our church family. We enjoyed visiting church camp with them. (See below.)

We appreciate all your prayers for **Oni** (below) & **Constance** at church. Both will remain in Lyon next year to continue working on their doctorates!





- 1 - 19th century funiculars
for Lyon's steep hills
- 2 - Tempting French tarts
- 3 - What would France be without
flowers?

July at the Hendrixes'



Did you know? Forty percent of Greater Lyon is made up of **nature areas or agricultural zones**. Some, such as 11,366 acres of woods, are still protected. (*Mét Lyon* magazine, June 2019)

This is one of many reasons Lyon has become a must-see destination in Europe. *Lonely Planet* has rated Lyon in their **top ten best places in Europe** to discover in 2019, and the *New York Times* put it in the top 50 to visit worldwide. Lyon was also awarded the 2019 award of **European Capital of Smart Tourism**. Here's a video for some glimpses of our beautiful city: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoeyaYiC_EQ



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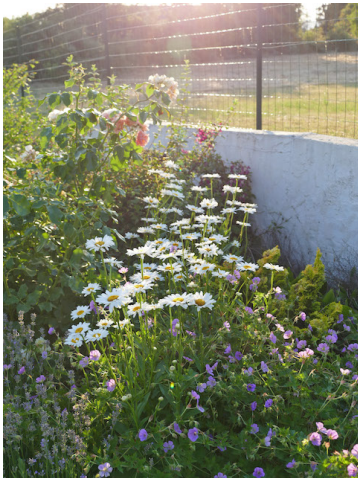
Here & there

Because of our experience in giving marriage seminars, we are sometimes asked to intervene. In the past, it has been couples and most recently I have been **counseling** 2 men in need of help. Please pray that I use wisdom and that they heed counsel.

Paris

In June we made a trip for me to preach for the **Moulin Vert** church. What a great surprise to run into 8 church members from **Guadeloupe**! This year we were unable to make our annual teaching trip to the French West Indies, so it was extra special to see them. That same weekend was a concert given by 2 Paris congregations. The singing & message were excellent.





FRIENDS

In the past month we've been blessed to have visits from 3 sets of friends. First were **Don & Debbie FITZGERALD** from St. Louis. Pamela, Don & Debbie have been friends since college days, and she was matron of honor in our wedding. I love and respect them too, and it was such a joy to have them here.

We were also honored to have **Mike & Nancy**



Central France

This summer I was asked to speak at **Bible camp** 2 hours from here. This year there were 150 campers & staff. They do a great job of giving spiritual guidance to our children ages 7 through 17.



O'NEAL in our home. **MIKE** & I were in school together at Harding University, and he was President of Oklahoma Christian University the 2 times I was there as visiting missionary. We had an adventurous time together.

Next we hosted **Barbara KEE**, who has been such a big part of our lives. This was the first time she had been back in Europe since **Doyle's** death in January. They had been missionaries in Geneva for 47 years. She came with daughter **Bonnie**, son **David** & his wife **Paige** for a meal & too short afternoon. Warm fellowship on a hot day!

"Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare." (Psalm 40:5)

Prayers

- Thanksgiving that Oni & Constance can continue their studies in Lyon
- For the two young men I'm working with
- Fruit from the Bible camp
- Continuing glory to God for the love & unity in the Lyon church
- Supplications for God to provide our congregation with a new meeting place
- Ongoing prayers for revival of the faith of the French people
- For our financial situation and the Lord's direction in our ministries

Camp prayer before the noon meal



Barbara, Bonnie, David & Paige

PERSONAL

We have been blessed and have not made a plea for financial help for 11 years. We thank God for all those who have given so faithfully for so long! But in recent months we have lost over **\$3,000** of our monthly salary due to death, divorce & financial duress. Most of our supporters are individuals.

Please let us know if you know of anyone who could help us out **either monthly or with a single contribution**. If we don't make up some of our lost income, it will change our ministry to just local work instead of the broader French-speaking world (Switzerland, Belgium, French West Indies, etc.).

Your **prayers** are appreciated, now and always! God has always taken good care of us, and we've never lacked for anything we really needed.

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