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## LYON

At church we occasionally show a movie that teaches spiritual truths. This fall we chose "**Les Misérables**", which is about the triumph of grace over legalism. We had 7 visitors for the Saturday showing, and the next day every seat was filled at worship. I spoke about grace and the character Jean Valjean, and how his story illustrates God's grace to us. Please let us know if you can recommend other movies to show.

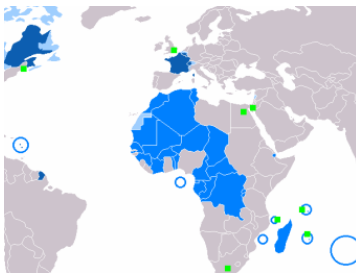
Pamela & I are having good **discussions & Bible studies** with several friends. In the same week, 2

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message".



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



Prayer before our international  
meal

couples told us they feel close to us because we are real and don't pretend everything is always going well. May God use us to show them the hope & peace that only He can give!

We have been telling you about our church's search for a **new meeting place**. We are still looking and, besides praying, several of us had a day of fasting. Do you have any brainstorming ideas? Also please join us in prayer. Money is a problem but, if it is God's will, things will work out.



In September, Pamela & I opened up our home for a **potluck for 66 people**. Besides our church, we also invited the "Christian Assembly" of Lyon (the former International Church of Christ) who, besides changing their name, has undergone significant changes. Seven of their families wrote to thank us for the invitation & the wonderful fellowship. Two families have since invited us into their homes for meals, including their evangelist. All our own members also expressed how much they enjoyed the day. Praise God!



# FAMILY

Our “family highlight” was a 2-week visit from our son **Nathan**, who has been working in Seoul for 7 years. It had been over 3 years since his last trip home. We were able to take 3 days off for a family trip, and he chose to visit the Provence region of France. Our time together was wonderful!



Hard to choose cheese with 300 kinds in France



Simple summer supper out on the porch



Each brought a dish from his mother country



Children in the sand, teens & ping-pong behind

Erik TRYGGESTAD wrote an article about Lyon in the *Christian Chronicle* November issue:  
[www.christianchronicle.org/article/the-obstinate-faith-of-france](http://www.christianchronicle.org/article/the-obstinate-faith-of-france)

We thank Erik for his fine coverage of the Lyon mission and his emphasis on perseverance.

**"God is able to bless you abundantly so that, in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will**



Our geraniums did terrible but surprise tomatoes

## FRIENDS

The “friends highlight” this time was the visit of **Steve & Lois FERRELL** from Houston. It was their 30th anniversary, so we were able to help make it special. Our friendship goes back 40 years, and we also feel close because of our common bond of being blended families. Love & support by friends like them helps us keep on keeping on. Our heartfelt thanks to all our faithful encouragers!



Breakfast with Pamela's homemade jams

## Prayers

**abound in every good work."  
(2 Corinthians 9:8)**

## CENTRAL FRANCE

Last month I was asked to go to our **Bible camp** and help evaluate repairs needing to be made. Since it was during a retreat for retirees, I was also asked to speak. I made the 2-hour trip with **Hervé NOCUS** from Lille. Besides looking things over, we did some handyman work, and we have both agreed to be more involved in camp upkeep.

## JURA REGION OF FRANCE

Once a year we try to visit an isolated elderly couple, **Michel & Rose RAVAUX**, who live over 2 hours away. Rose is bedridden most of the time, and Michel spends much of his time caring for her. It was good to be able to worship with them on a Sunday.

## SWITZERLAND

I was recently invited to speak for the **Geneva Church of Christ**, where I had worked for 16 months upon arriving in Europe over 40 years ago. Also, right after her university studies, Pamela spent 2 years in Geneva working with both Spanish- and French-speaking congregations. So both of us have special ties there, and this time we got to spend time with **Doyle & Barbara KEE** and several other old friends.



- For our friends who came to the movie and came back the next day for church worship

- For all those worldwide who are seeking a closer relationship with God

- That God will help us find a new meeting place for the Lyon Church of Christ

- Seeking God's wisdom in our fellowship with the Christian Assembly of Lyon

- For continuing influence of the French Bible camp

- Michel & Rose and other isolated Christians throughout the world

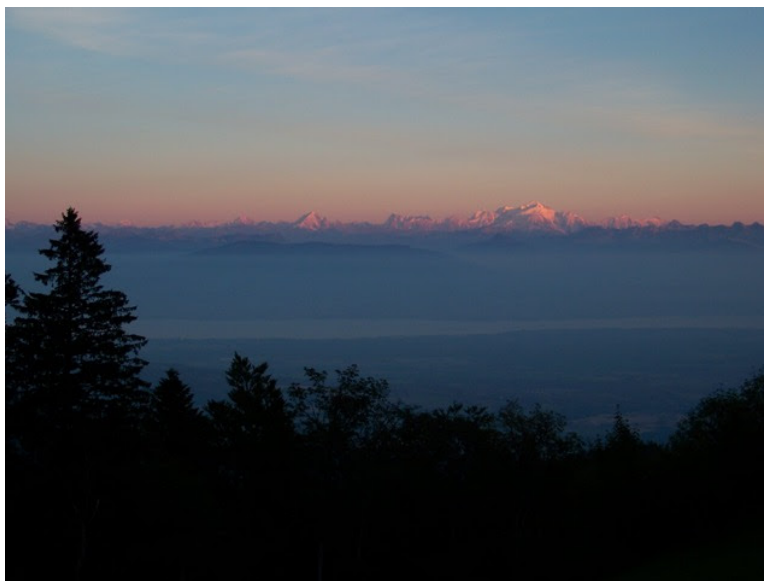
- Faith & courage as Pamela & I continue reaching out to the French-speaking world

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Arlin preaching at Geneva Church of Christ



Mont Blanc & Lake Geneva at sunset

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