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## LYON NEWS

**Harding group:** *Robert McCREADY*, French professor at Harding University, brings a group of French students to Lyon most every summer. This year Robert spoke once at church; the next day the group put on a puppet show & skits for our church kids, then they had a teen program. The third day they did mailbox distribution to advertize Bible courses. They are always encouraging to our church family while at the same time helping us reach out to the community.

**Guest speaker:** We were blessed to have former Belgium missionary *Richard WOLFE* (now living in Kansas City) visit us in Lyon and speak on a Sunday. We used to sing together in a gospel quartet, and it was good to remember old times.

**Potluck:** In July we had a church picnic at our house. So many people were out of town that we had only 19 come, but it was a beautiful day to relax outside and enjoy the afternoon together.

**Danielle:** One of our church members, 74 years old, fell & hit her head and was rushed to emergency. While in the hospital, a few members were able to visit her. But her family, hostile to Danielle's faith, has moved her to another center and refuses to let us visit her. Please pray for Danielle & her family.



McCreedy family & group from Harding University



Arlin & Pamela in California -  
We needed comfort from those grandkids!



## FAMILY NEWS

My mother, Alice Lavern HENDRIX, passed away in June. My sorrow is awash with joy that she is free of pain and at home with the Lord, taking part in the wonderful life we all aspire to gain. At her funeral I honored her and also my brother Edwin for taking such good care of her. Our daughter Jana's family (children ages 2, 4 & 6) joined us in California for the funeral, and we had a wonderful 4-day visit. We even got to take a day trip with them and my brother to Yosemite National Park.

We stopped over for a week to visit Pamela's parents, V.M. & Lois WHITESELL, and Pamela's brother Wayne in Oklahoma. Our son Daniel made the 8-hour drive from St. Louis to spend a weekend with us. We cherish such precious family memories.

Then in July our black Lab died. NIKKI was 13 years old, equivalent to 80 human years. It has been hard for us to lose her too.

BEYOND LYON

CHURCH CAMP

The family retreat for European French-speaking churches is held each year at the Church of Christ Bible camp in the mountains (alt. 1500 feet) 2 hours from Lyon. This year everyone was surprised by a foot of snow on May 14. Pamela & I had stayed on a farm 10 minutes from camp (to sleep better), and it turned out we were stranded there for 24 hours. A little forced R&R was nice (being on jet lag & having returned from Guadeloupe 6 days before), but we sadly missed some of the fellowship.

Pamela and I went back to camp for a weekend during their summer session. What a lot of life with 180 campers! We marveled at the energy required to keep everything going smoothly. It was fun, but we were relieved not to be working there the whole 2 weeks. We visited with two Mauritian children we sponsored, and I spoke at the Sunday morning assembly.

GENEVA

In June we were happy to participate in the 40th anniversary of the Geneva Church of Christ. There were 124 of us at Sunday worship. *Buddy & Maurine JONES* (now from Georgia) and *Yann & Rita OPSITCH* (now from Texas) were also able to attend. Yann, Buddy and I spoke in the afternoon, reminiscing about our work there many years ago. It was a wonderful reunion.

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FRIENDS

We so enjoyed having *Doug & Liz WILLIAMS* in our home from February through June while they taught English in public schools here. They were such a big help to us too. They will be teaching in Atlanta this school year. We miss them.

We also got to spend quality time with *Anna Rose ANDERSON* from Mississippi & *Jessica BRIMM* from Nashville, who actually came to visit Doug & Liz.

Liz s parents, *Marty & Jane KITTRELL* from Nashville, spent a week with us too. It was fun to deepen our friendship, especially for Jane & Pamela who were classmates in high school & college.

*Nathan SHANK* from Oklahoma spent June in Lyon studying French for his Masters. It was nice having him over for meals and doing things together. In July he was also a big help at the summer camp and week-long internship in Marseille.

We had a joyful 3-day reunion with *Jim & Fredy GRIFFITH*, former missionaries in Toulouse, France, who now live in St. Louis. We were also delighted to get to know Jim’s sister *Carol & Steve DITMER* from Colorado Springs.

*David & Céline LIMB* & and baby Neela from Paris spent one night on their way to and from the family retreat. David also preached at church on Sunday.

*Philippe & Dolores DAUNER* & their 2 precious little ones (from Marseille) spent just one night with us. It was entertaining watching 2-year-old Nathan have a ball getting dirty in the sand. It will be baby Aurelia s turn next trip.

Finally we got to host *Karl-Heinz & Nicole HOFFMANN* from Bern, Switzerland. It was a special time for us since Nicole had lived in our home for over a year before marrying Karl-Heinz.

PLEASE PRAY:

- **For Danielle (recovery from head injury and peace in her isolation)**
- **Blessings on those who worked tirelessly & unselfishly at the two-week summer camp**
- **For us in our grief**
- **For Pamela’s aging parents**
- **Thanksgiving for our physical family & also our Christian family throughout the world**
- **Thanksgiving for all our safe travels**
- **For more financial support so we can continue making our mission trips**

*Pray for us, that whenever we open our mouths, words may be given us so that we will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which we are ambassadors. (Ephesians 6:19-20)*