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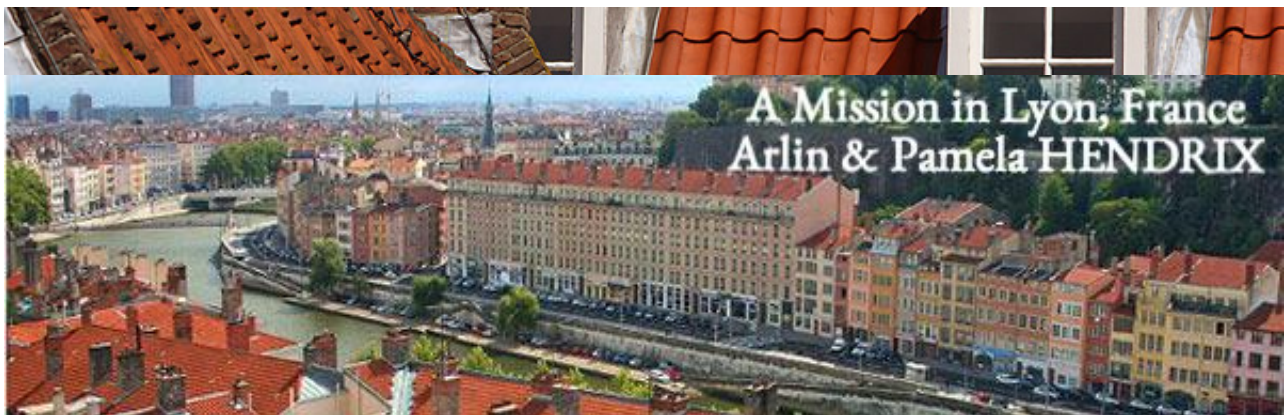
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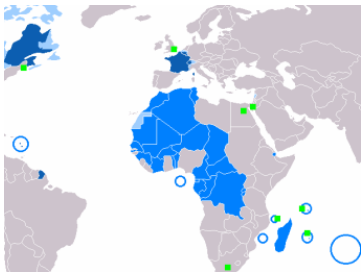
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LYON

France lives at a **slower pace** in July & August. Whereas the typical U.S. worker at a private company gets 10 days of paid vacation per year, France mandates a minimum of 30 paid days off per year plus 11 public holidays. Most people take their vacation in the summer, and 40 percent of businesses shut down. It's hit or miss for stores being open, and woe to the person who needs a doctor or plumber or mechanic. Needless to say, we don't schedule many church activities during that time of year.



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

Prayer Requests

- For **Xavier, Nicole, Gerald & Francoise**

- That the Spirit will encourage **isolated & persecuted** Christians throughout the world

- Praise to God for His awesome **creation**

- Thanksgiving for our many **friends** & their support

- For **Pamela's parents** & for **Gwen's** recovery

- Healing for **Pamela** (yet trusting God knows what is best for us & his kingdom)

- Blessings on all of you who **support** our mission efforts, financially and/or prayerfully



Lyon's 290-acre city park

Pamela & I have been studying the Gospel of Mark and now the book of Acts with a couple of close friends. Now we have an intriguing opportunity: They asked if they could accompany us on our next mission trip to Guadeloupe. **XAVIER's** reasoning, and **NICOLE** agreed, was that it would help her better understand God through involvement with a church in another setting. Pamela & I are honored, and we think it's a great idea.

We have also been enjoying another couple of friends, **GERALD & FRANCOISE**. Like Xavier & Nicole, they came to our marriage seminar in Lyon, and they attended the church retreat with us in May. Since then Françoise has been coming to church regularly, and she studied with Charles for several weeks. In August, Gérald & I went on a 2-day hike in the Swiss Alps, and the 4 of us picnicked together at a beautiful park in Lyon.



Picnic with Gérald & Françoise

Charles & Pam WHITE are in a frustrating period; their Lyon apartment has not yet sold, so they cannot make definite plans for their move to the States. Would you pray for them in this transition?

Three of our **church teens** are beginning their



Arlin hiked to this Swiss cabin,
9350 ft.

**As you help us
by your
prayers, many
will give
thanks on our
behalf for the
gracious favor
granted us in
answer to the
prayers of
many.
(2 Cor. 1:11)**



Pamela & her brother Wayne



Baking cookies with Great-
Granmama

university studies. Please pray they remain strong in their faith and resist the worldly influences of other young people in their new environment.

CENTRAL FRANCE

In July I went back to **BONNEFOI** during a camp session. I had various jobs including cleanup, repair work, devotional teaching and 4 Bible classes for the teens. It was a very busy week and I came home exhausted. This year there were 116 campers ages 7 to 17 and a staff of 52.

BELGIUM

Each summer I try to go teach at the church in Liège, Belgium, 7 hours from Lyon. We stayed with **Pierre & Mary PAQUET**, and the mutual encouragement was great as always. Just prior, Pierre had had an emergency appendectomy & then complications. Since he was behind in his yard work, Pierre & I spent a couple of mornings trimming his hedge.



Morning worship in Liège, Belgium



Mamie finally getting a makeover

“COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.” The antidote for restless nights: being thankful for daily gifts.



Lyon houseboats on Rhône River



Lyon city hall, Place des Terreaux



Game of pétanque in Lyon

SWITZERLAND

Doyle KEE in Geneva organizes the annual hike that Gérald & I went on. This is always an occasion to recharge my batteries in God’s beautiful creation, test my physical fitness, and fellowship with Christians from other places. Really, you can’t help but be lifted up by admiring what God has done, and that’s something Gérald and I discussed while hiking. Anyone out there want to join us for next year’s hike?

FRIENDS

In July, **Yann & Rita OPSITCH** from Abilene, Texas, spent a night here, and it was great sharing memories. Yann is French and worked full-time for churches over here for 30 years before moving to the States. Yann now teaches at Abilene University.

Other former missionaries in French-speaking Europe, **Bob & Patti GRIGG** from San Antonio, Texas, also came through this summer. What can I say? Catching up on old times, sharing & praying together was great.

Jim TAYLOR-BROWN from Arkansas came over to see us in August. We became close when his work brought him near Lyon several times. Jim has been very generous in contributing his frequent flyer airline miles to help us & other missionaries. May God bless him & Alison for their love & generosity in His honor!

Our final guests were **Rick & Becky COTTON** from near Dallas. Pamela & Becky have been close since they were 14 years old, and they were in each other’s weddings. This was Rick & Becky’s first trip to France, but their primary reason for coming was to encourage us. Naturally we enjoyed showing them part of our beautiful country, but the biggest blessing was



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sharing & praying often together. We can never thank God enough for their love for us & their dedication to Him.

FAMILY



Pamela, her parents, daughter Jana & 3 grands

In July, Pamela went to visit her parents in Edmond, OK. **V.M. WHITESELL** is now in a rest home due to declining memory & health. Pamela went to encourage her mother and to back up her brother **Wayne**, who's the primary caregiver. **Lois** at age 88 remains in very good health, is still quite independent living at home, and stays active with friends & church. Pamela was able to help Lois get some projects done around the house in addition to their good visits. Lord willing and finances permitting, Pamela plans to go see her folks every 6 months.

Pamela also had some special time with our daughter **Jana JOHNSTON** & her 3 children: Tristan (9), Judy (7) & Melody (5), who made the 3-hour drive to Oklahoma from Texas. In addition, Pamela got to spend time with a few of our friends in Edmond. During her visit one of them, **Gwen WRIGHT**, learned that she had a tumor, and it was a blessing that

Pamela was there at that very time.

Pamela is still scheduled for sinus surgery on **SEPTEMBER 23** since her latest scan showed no improvement. One of France's top sinus specialists will operate on her in Paris, and if all goes well we should get back home on the 25th. After surgery Pamela is scheduled to be on strong antibiotics for 3 months, so we are planning to stay home all fall. We'd love to hear from you.

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