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The French World Missions Weekend was the best part of our furlough thus far!

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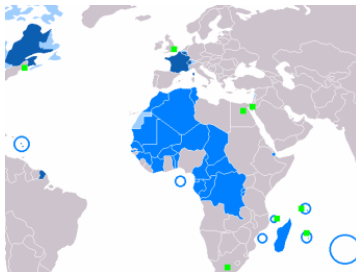
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LYON

Our former coworkers, Charles & Pam White, came back to Lyon for the first time since their move two years ago to Boise, Idaho. We regretted not being in town for their visit, but our furlough plans had been made before their dates were confirmed. One member wrote us that it was moving to have them back for a short time. Charles preached one Sunday and also presented a Saturday seminar.

There have been 2 additions to the Lyon church



A global outreach to the French-speaking world

French Interest in the U.S.

Pamela & I are presently in the States. Every 3 years we try to visit with our supporters and report on our mission. This time we're covering 20 cities and 17,000 miles within the U.S. What an encouragement to see so many Christians from coast to coast!



White Station church in Memphis

during our trip to the States! First Audrey, a work colleague of one of our church members, was baptized in September. Then in October Gilbert joined us, a rare person in France who had already been baptized and who has good Bible knowledge. We praise God for the maturity & capability of our church members to teach God's Word.

As you can see, the "Eglise du Christ de Lyon" is doing well and is experiencing growth pains. We continue beseeching God's help in finding a bigger meeting place. We appreciate what one of our supporting churches put in their bulletin about our need:

"Just suppose that, if you were going to church today, you rode public transportation to get to the church building. When you arrive at the building, you are greeted with a gate. Then you have to go through about 20 choices to find Eglise du Christ, to ask someone to open the gate. You finally get past the gate. Not very inviting, is it?

"You have found a place where the church meets. But the building is full. It is a little small and there is no place left to sit in the auditorium. Standing in the hall is not uncommon. For visitors there is a lot going against such a location. It is not a 'user friendly' place. "Of course another meeting place is an option. It's illegal in France for churches to meet in homes, so that one is out. Schools and other such public buildings cannot be rented by religious organizations. To find rental property is next to impossible and very expensive. To purchase property is most expensive of all, plus you add high taxes & upkeep. It seems an impossible dilemma.

"This is the situation with the church in Lyon, France. The church is doing well. Amazing, isn't it, when you think about all the obstacles. Yet they have reached a point where something must be done, and there are no easy solutions. Please pray that God will give them wisdom to find a way to solve their problems. Pray



Church reception honoring the missionaries



Colette Daugherty, also supported by White Station

We scheduled this furlough to coincide with the French World Missions Conference held in Searcy, Arkansas, September 25-27. Pamela & I participated by preparing a booklet of French songs and by me giving a report on work in the French Caribbean islands, particularly Guadeloupe.

Sponsored by the College and the Westside Churches of Christ, 160 participants from 8 countries gathered to share sweet fellowship and learn & worship together. It was also a joyful reunion of past & present missionaries. Poignant & inspirational too, to see so many Christians determined to be lights in the darkness. And for the university students who attended, the workshop awakened new possibilities to serve God.

that God will provide for them a solution to their problem. And pray that they will have the faith to use the solution that God gives!"



Weekly French devotional at Harding Univ. in Arkansas

FAMILY

Pamela & I were blessed to see all of our children and our 7 grandchildren on this trip.

Since Karen's family moved to Zambia in 2008, we had never had a family vacation with them. They returned to the States last Thanksgiving, so we got to treat those 4 grandkids (& their parents) to their first trip to the beach. Those 4 days together were a special time of bonding.



160 attended French Missions Weekend



Kee family did a great job of organization

All speeches were in English except for the inspiring Sunday worship entirely in French. Everything was recorded, and with a click you can listen and even see some of the visual presentations.

<https://sites.google.com/site/fwmw2015/home>



For us the best part was French worship

As the Christian Chronicle reported, "More workers are needed. Funds are needed. Encouragement is needed. Even stateside missionaries...can help, as can anyone who has a heart to touch French-speaking people for God. "Where is God leading you in serving? Are you making the most of every opportunity?"



Jana & her 2 girls joined us for the French Missions conference, and we had a good but short visit.



Nathan has been living in Korea for almost 8 years. He used precious vacation time to spend 6 days with Pamela's mother & us.

Nathan, Pamela & I then joined Jana's & Karen's families for a fun 3-day weekend at a state park. Karen & Nathan hadn't seen each other for 7 years! The 14 of us had fun fixing special meals, hiking, horseback riding and playing games together. It was wonderful to be reunited in such a beautiful place out in God's nature.

Pamela & I also got to go visit Daniel, Pamela's mother (Lois Whitesell), and most of our siblings. Family is so important, and it was a blessing to strengthen ties.

Watch for doors he will open for you.”

<http://www.christianchronicle.org/article/loving-a-language-and-the-lost>

Prayers

- Thanksgiving for the Lyon Church of Christ outgrowing its current facilities
- Continued supplications for God to help us find a new meeting place
- Pray for us to have wisdom to find a way to solve this problem
- And pray that we will have the faith to use the solution that God gives!
- Praise for peace & harmony in the Lyon church
- Gratitude for our health and safety while traveling
- Blessings on all those who have encouraged and cared for us on this trip

PSALM 86

Hear my prayer,
Lord; listen to my cry
for mercy.

When I am in
distress, I call to you
because you answer
me.

Among the gods
there is none like
you, Lord; no deeds
can compare with
yours.

All the nations you
have made will



come and worship
before you, Lord;
they will bring glory
to your name.

For you are great
and do marvelous
deeds; you alone
are God.

Teach me your way,
Lord, that I may rely
on your faithfulness;
give me an
undivided heart, that
I may fear your
name.

I will praise you,
Lord my God, with
all my heart; I will
glorify your name
forever.

For great is your
love toward me; you
have delivered me
from the depths,
from the realm of the
dead.

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