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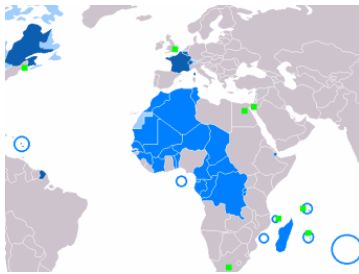
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LYON

We love **August** in France. Most people are on vacation, giving us occasions to spend extra time with friends. Of course we try to continue our regular Bible studies too.

We had a family over for a Sunday dinner, and their preschoolers loved playing outside. Carine is French, Tom American. They were converted when teaching in Istanbul, and now they attend the Church of Christ where they live on Cape Cod. Carine's parents live near Lyon, so **Tom & Carine's** family comes every summer and it's great having them at church for a month.



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



So few go to church in France that some have closed



Christians on Mission connecting with the elderly



As the Wootens were leaving at 4:00, along came four **church members** with a pie they'd made, so we enjoyed a second dessert and they stayed more than 2 hours. Fifteen minutes later, another member showed up and stayed until almost 9:00 p.m. And you thought YOUR Sundays were tiring! August is good for spending time with folks, that's for sure.

The Lyon Church of Christ is still seeking a **new meeting place**. Several members & even some contacts have been searching. We need a bigger facility with parking that is also accessible via tramway or subway. Would you please join us in prayer about that?

SOUTHERN FRANCE

In July 53 of us from 5 countries converged at the Marseille church, and with the locals our internship swelled to over 70. **Christians on Mission** wasn't a retreat but a week of action. The goal was to develop our heart to ever strive to serve God. We grew through studies of God's Word, through close fellowship and through different opportunities of serving our fellow man.

Besides Bible classes & prayer, we sang in rest homes & hospitals, distributed invitations to our 2 concerts, reached out to neighbors, encouraged shut-ins, prayed

FAMILY

While I was at camp, Pamela went to Oklahoma to visit her mother, **Lois WHITESELL**. Our daughter **Jana** & her children drove the 3 hours from Texas, to spend a weekend with “Granmama” & “Mamie”. The following weekend our son **Daniel** made that same trip. And a good time was had by all!



Our daughter Jana met Pamela at
Lois's house



Daniel also drove the 3 hours to
Oklahoma



Four-generation tea party

FRIENDS

for the neighborhood, provided breakfast for homeless, and the young teens prepared & served snacks & meals. It was good to see that often God is best seen through simple **acts of service**.



Singing at Marseille nursing home (above)

Full house for concert directed by Katie YOUNG (below)



Many friends & neighbors came to our **concerts**, as did the manager of one of the rest homes. Passersby also decided to come in, as did 2 homeless men. All were touched by the group's obvious joy. What a sharp contrast with the 50,000 young people (under 25 years old) who attempt suicide each year in France.

Noel YOUNG from Michigan spent a few days with us after our week in Marseille, where he and I were both tenors in the chorus. We had met last year at CEM.

In a couple of days, we'll have the long-awaited visit from our good friends **Steve & Lois FERRELL** from Houston. Lois & I hail from college days at Harding, and Steve & I go back to 1968, when I was a "fill-in preacher" in Rolla, Missouri.



Strawberries at the Hendrixes'



Baptism at camp

Prayers

- Thanksgiving for all of you who support our mission, both prayerfully & financially

- For the growing faith of Nicole, Françoise & other friends

If you speak French or have a love for the French, we'd like to encourage you to start making plans now to participate in the **July 2015 CEM** internship.

The Marseille internship reminded me of the beginning days of the church as recorded in Acts 2:46-47: "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

CENTRAL FRANCE

In July I worked at the **Bonnefoi Bible camp** in the mountains about 2 hours from Lyon. My responsibilities included teaching & cleaning, but mainly repairs & physical labor. There were 120 campers (half of them teens), plus a staff of 40.



Devo at Camp Harmony in central France (above)

- Rejoicing for Tom & Carine's faith & their encouragement
- For a new meeting place for the Lyon church of Christ
- For the faith of the next generation
- That some of you will join us for the July 2015 internship
- For Léandre, Eloise and Christians throughout the world who feel alone in their faith

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This years theme: Rebuilding Nehemiah's wall (below)



A highlight of camp was the **baptism of 2 teens** from northern France, who 2 weeks prior had also been part of the Marseille summer internship. Léandre & Eloise don't come from Christian families, but both teens had their parents' approval for their decision to be baptized. Praise God!

BELGIUM

Every summer Pamela & I go to encourage the small church in Liège. I teach on Sunday, then there is always a potluck and good fellowship all afternoon. What a joy as well to spend the weekend with our close friends **Pierre & Mary PAQUET!**

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