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Another great month to serve God & his children! We were blessed by our refugee friends.

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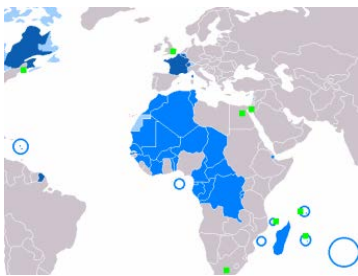
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LYON

Church life: We're trying to improve our Sunday service, and I'm currently doing a **training** series for those leading worship. Also, our women enjoy being together, and this month Pamela organized an outing to eat **couscous** at a Tunisian restaurant.



A global outreach to the French-speaking world



Young adults from church



Young adults: One of our congregation's strong points is our **upcoming generation**. They meet on Tuesday evenings to eat and have spiritual discussions, and they invite nonbelieving friends to join them. Last month Pamela & I had the group over for a meal, games and sharing.



Ladies' retreat: Lyon is responsible for housing for the **2019 spiritual retreat** for 70 women who come from all over France & French-speaking Switzerland. For months Pamela has been busy locating, contacting and visiting numerous retreat centers in Lyon. Then was the negotiation stage, and we just finalized a contract.

BEYOND LYON

Western France: A large part of our ministry is itinerant. Recently we were able to make the 7-hour drive to La Rochelle to meet with **Hubert & Raymonde NOBLET** for worship and a meal. Because of bad health, they can no longer make the trip to meet with other Christians. Fellowship is a blessing most of us take for granted.



Central France: I enjoy helping the Marseille brothers do maintenance at the **Bonnefoi church camp** a couple of hours away. I organize occasional workdays, and this fall was able to recruit 4 men to help me. Unfortunately due to 2 of them falling ill, we had to postpone most of those repairs...

French West Indies: One of the joys of our work is seeing people come to Christ. This month **Danielle NANETTE** was baptized in Guadeloupe. We were beginning to think the day would never come! Someone filmed her baptism with a drone. My comment to them was, "We had a view like that of the angels rejoicing in heaven!"



Le Châtelard retreat center near Lyon

Refugees: One of our members, **Ekel JEAN**, is a mailman and has a heart for the refugees he encounters on his route. We believe he spends time helping them each week (discreetly), and we often have visitors at church from Romania, Algeria, Syria or Albania.



Six months ago Ekel met the **SULA** family who had come from Albania, searching for a better life in France. The Soviet Union was quite successful in purging its satellites of Christianity, and especially Albania. **Klodjan & Elona** had never set foot in a church before coming to us. Our Lyon church family



Getting around

According to the French Automobile Club, in Lyon it costs \$6,000 a year to have a car, including insurance, parking & gas. Unleaded is \$6.62/gallon, and the gas bill alone comes to \$200/month for most folks. Bad news, eh? The 1.3 million Lyonnais get around town largely on foot or bike (37%) or with public transportation (19%). The latter is three times less expensive than driving. The good news is that our city is hence rated number four “**green city**” in France (after Angers, Nantes & Strasbourg). (Source: *Met'*, the Lyon magazine)



PRAYERS

Sharing the Good News involves spiritual warfare, so we need your prayers. You can remember us to God in a general way, or you can pray for the specifics we mention in each newsletter. You're a **vital part** of our

has been surrounding them with love and helping with food, clothing, paperwork & French tutoring. While waiting for official permission to remain, the government has provided them food & lodging but in a hamlet 2 hours away. If granted visas, they'll be able to move back to Lyon.



Last year **Doyle & Barbara KEE** attended a conference on how to serve refugees. They offered these suggestions on how to reach out to refugees:

1. Language tutoring
2. Introduction to Jesus through reading classes
3. Computer training
4. Laundry service
5. Medical assistance and advice
6. Group meals in a public place
7. Micro ST cards for cell phones
8. Advice and accompaniment for documentation
9. Meals and/or housing in the home
10. Food & clothing for children & adults

Jesus taught: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked

ministry. Would you pray with us?

- For unity in God's family
- For the church's young adults as they grow in faith and reach out to others
- For the downtrodden the world over
- That our refugee contacts will not only find a home, but also a family in Jesus Christ
- For the Holy Spirit to strengthen Christians who are persecuted or lonely
- Pray for France, which often feels like a spiritual desert
- Supplications for God to help Lyon & Geneva churches to find new meeting places



"Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13)

after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25)

FRIENDS

This month **Adam & Stéphanie JAGUSIEWICZ** and their 2 young children (from the Geneva Church of Christ) spent a weekend with us. Adam being a lawyer, he taught an excellent Sunday lesson on "God's Justice in an Unjust World". Geneva being less than 2 hours from Lyon, our 2 churches often exchange speakers.

In September the **SULAs** (see above) had to move away, and they greatly miss their "Lyon family". So Pamela & I arranged for them & their 2 boys (ages 6 & 11) to spend a weekend with us, and we invited 3 families from church to share meals with us. We were a little nervous about the language barrier for 2 1/2 days; the Sulas are just starting to learn French, and our Albanian isn't exactly fluent. But our time together actually felt very comfortable, and God blessed our time together – us as much as them. Google Translate helped, but love is the best language of all!



Yard work for the men, while the women cooked up a storm



Happy Holidays

We hope you had a good Thanksgiving. We like this quote we read in Reader's Digest: "Find the joy. When you feel it, let it wash over you. And take a moment to appreciate it. Be **grateful** for the people in your life, for waking up feeling good and pain-free, and for the stretch of road ahead that's so full of possibilities. When you encounter bumps, keep going and don't look back."

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by your example,
not by your opinion.**



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