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Our summer schedule is very different from the rest of the year. It was obvious that God is always at work!

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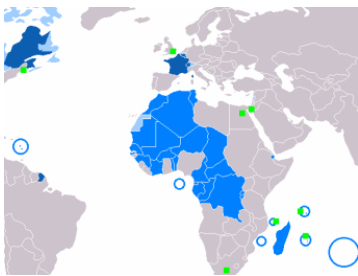
Work in France practically comes to a halt in the **summer**, and evangelism is no exception. The French currently average 33 days of vacation per year, and they take most of them in the summer.

August was a good time for our church to invite **Justin SMITH**, who's in charge of the Internet ministry for the Geneva Church of Christ. Justin's expertise helped us improve our own website, and he also preached about glorifying God in all aspects of our



lives – including the Net!

Once again Lyon has been voted the **best French city** to live in. The Economist Intelligence Unit rates it number 29 worldwide. The most livable U.S. city was Honolulu, number 17 in the study; the number two American city was D.C. (number 30).



A global outreach to the French-speaking world



St. John's Cathedral in Renaissance Lyon



Gothic vaults & 1392 stained glass at sunset



Narrow pedestrian streets

BEYOND LYON

Eastern France: With reduced church activities, we had time to visit an elderly Christian couple, **Michel & Rose RAVAUX**, who live 3 hours from Lyon. They can no longer travel, so such visits are a big encouragement to them. Their 2 daughters were also visiting. It was a time of renewed fellowship and worship followed by a meal together.



FRIENDS

Ah oui, summer is also the season of **houseguests**. God has blessed us with a beautiful home, good health and the gift of hospitality, and we were able to put them to good use for several weeks.

Justin & Martina SMITH from Lausanne, Switzerland (see above) came with their baby & 2-year-old for a weekend. We had fun playing with their kids, especially since our own grandkids couldn't come visit this year.

Andrea MARROQUIN (from Mexico) spent a few nights with us between her Master's work/study in Lyon & her move to Marseille. She will spend next year in the "Christians on Mission" spiritual internship. Andrea has an amazing faith story and knows how to encourage even people old enough to be her grandparents!

Carolyn DELL, now from Tennessee, who had spent almost a year in Lyon, returned to visit her daughter's family. We were so happy to see her again.

The **HARRISES** stopped over for 5 days en route to the States from Mozambique (Africa), where they are missionaries. **Scott & Lisa** are like children to us.



*You can click on pictures to
make them bigger!*

Central France: Once again we are reminded of **God's Providence** in our life and work. In 2009 we stayed at a family-run B&B a couple of hours away, and our hosts were so kind that Pamela still thought about them through the years. Today in their 80's, they no longer host visitors and yet Pamela felt compelled to see them. When last week we returned to their region, we dropped by with flowers. Henri & Henriette were touched beyond words. They insisted on inviting us inside. We had a good long visit on what "just happened" to be the 5th anniversary of their son's death, and they felt at ease enough with us to shed some tears. What a blessing to follow the Spirit's lead!

**"Whoever knows the
right thing to do and
fails to do it, for him
it is sin."
(James 4:17)**

**"Whoever
acknowledges me
before others, I will
also acknowledge
before my Father in
heaven."
(Jesus teaching in
Matthew 10)**

**"Preach the gospel
always. Use words when**

Scott was an apprentice missionary in Lyon 1986-88, and I performed their wedding in 1990.



Didier & Marie-Claude from Le Mans, France (where we taught last spring) arrived just as the four Harrises were leaving. They are "typically French" (whatever that means!), and we enjoy learning from our different backgrounds.

We had a surprise 3-day visit from **David & Béatrice LANOIX** and their son from Guadeloupe. They're another of our "honorary children". David's parents, Max & Monique, were converted in Lyon in 1981, and started a congregation in Guadeloupe 3 years later.

Two teenagers, **Laurence & Lindsay**, spent a night here after Bible camp and on their way back home. Their family is one of the pillars of the church in Guadeloupe.

François & Arlette, long-time friends from Geneva, spent 3 days with us. Over the years they have been a source of encouragement to us, especially during rough times.

Other close friends from the Geneva church, **Camille & Brigitte RUIZ**, along with their newlywed son & daughter-in-law, joined us for a leisurely Sunday

necessary." (St. Francis
of Assisi)



Arlin in disguise to meet Pamela
at the airport

PERSONAL

Next month I'll turn **70**. How can that be?! I read this several years ago in the AARP magazine, and it well describes how I feel about aging. "When you've seen as much death & suffering as I have, just the fact of being here, when so many others you've known & loved are not, gives every day new meaning. I've been blessed to be of service, and I know I'm still here because God has a plan for me. He has one for all of us."

People often ask me when I'll retire. I like what George Burns said in his 90's: "To what? What would you do?"

dinner. (For the French "leisurely" generally means a 4-hour feast!) **Nicolas & Mélina** now live & work in Lyon, and are a great addition to our church.

Tom & Carine WOOTON are summer members of the Lyon church. They & their 2 children live on Cape Cod, but Carine is French so they come every year to visit her family here. We feel very close and loved spending yet another "leisurely" afternoon here at the house.

Also **Peggy & Alfonso**, our old neighbors & friends for 7 years, came over for homemade peach cobbler.



Pamela with her mother in Oklahoma

Jana & her children joined them



Birds & flowers, trees & sky evoke
praise to God



Arlin's vegetable garden



Prayers

- Continued supplications for God to help us find a new meeting place
- **Doyle & Barbara KEE's** September move back to the States
- Thanksgiving for our new home & our good health so we can receive guests
- Gratitude for our Christian friends who help us "keep on keeping on"
- Blessings for isolated or persecuted Christians the world over
- Henri, Henriette & others in France who need God
- May each of us strive to ever glorify God in prayer & service

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