

# HENDRIX NEWSLETTER—LYON, FRANCE

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## MARRIAGE STATISTICS

We have learned a lot in doing our marriage seminar, and here are a few statistics. In France the top reason for leaving a partner (67%) was domestic abuse, while in the U.S. that was true for 54%. In France, 13% gave weight gain as a reason to leave their spouse but only 3% of those over age 45 would leave if their partner had an affair. (Reader's Digest 11/10)

## FRENCH TAXES

Now that tax season is behind you, here is some good news: you still pay lower taxes than we do in France. We take the top spot of 92 countries, with overall French taxes consuming 54% of personal revenue. The U.S. is number 53 out of 92. (Business Finance, 25/01/13) (See also KPMG's Individual Income Tax and Social Security Rate Survey 2012.)



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## LYON

*Charles White's* surgery for prostate cancer went well, but unfortunately he had to have gall bladder surgery a month later. Nevertheless, he & *Pam* were able to leave for the States on April 23. They are looking for a place to live and plan to return to Lyon in July to finalize their move back to the States. That date will depend on when they sell their Lyon apartment.

After our return from Guadeloupe at the end of March it was, besides regular Bible classes and sermons, preparation time for our marriage seminar in April. We did manage however to have 7 local families in our home during the interval.

## PAU, southern France

In April an evangelistic campaign was held in Pau, and we made the 8-hour trip to do follow-up Bible studies with contacts made during the campaign. We were disappointed that there weren't many people who showed interest, although of course it was good to be with *Christophe* and his wife *Marie*. He was baptized a couple of years ago and feels isolated in his faith. Marie's faith has not taken root, but she does seem to feel at ease with us. Who knows, maybe the campaign was for Marie?

## LE MANS, western France

Our most recent marriage seminar was held at the invitation of a Brethren-type congregation. Knowing only one couple in the congregation (*Marc & Patricia DAVY*), we were a bit apprehensive but we were well received and with much enthusiasm. Besides speaking 10 times over 2 weekends, we had 11 appointments during the week and some of them were intense because of marital problems. We pray that God spoke through us.

## FAMILY

In February Pamela's father, V.M. WHITESELL, had surgery for bladder cancer, then chemo. In March he broke his hip and now is permanently in assisted living. At 90 years old, he is too weak to do therapy. Pamela's mother is still at home and a good driver, so every day she eats lunch & spends time with V.M. Pamela has plane tickets to spend 3 weeks in July with her parents. Some things we just have to do in life and not count the cost, don't we? This is hard on Pamela being so far away.

So far 3 professors at the dental school have not been able to find a tooth responsible for Pamela's chronic sinus infection, and she is waiting for 1 last test to absolutely rule out a dental culprit. While in southern France, Pamela sought a second opinion from a sinus specialist. Both he & the Paris professor agree that Pamela's sinusitis is serious and absolutely requires a third surgery, even though they do not agree on the cause of the infection. Several more doctor appointments are scheduled.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For the Whites' health & their transition back to the States
- That God will help the Lyon church adapt well after the Whites' departure
- Thanksgiving for the warm reception in Le Mans and the help we were able to provide
- That God's kingdom will flourish in Pau
- For V.M. & Lois Whitesell and the family
- For healing for Pamela (yet trusting God knows what's best for us & his kingdom)
- Blessings on all of you who support our mission efforts, financially and/or prayerfully



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1. Arlin & Pamela's marriage seminar in Le Mans, France
2. Christophe's family in Pau, France
3. Hospitality in Lyon: 2 young adults from church

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)*