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LYON NEWS

Robert McCREADY, professor of French at Harding University, brought a group to Lyon in June. Included were 9 French students, the McCready family, and 2 elders & their wives from the West Side Church of Christ. The group distributed cards offering Bible correspondence courses, gave a choral performance, led English devotionals, presented a mini Vacation Bible School and spent special time with our teens. Robert also presented a Saturday Bible seminar and preached on Sunday. We are thankful for their 10 days of hard work here.

Pamela & I always strive to live and talk in such a way to encourage people to ask questions. We want to mention 3 people in particular.

Our **dermatologist** has always been interested in us because of our nationality and also because of what we do. Pamela has developed a friendship with her, and their conversations have taken on a deeper level of discussion. She is not yet actively seeking God, but she is asking questions.

Life is made up of interesting encounters. After buying an item online, we hit it off with the sellers, and we have invited each other over to eat. Last year, Pamela & I made arrangements for their daughter to spend a month with our friends the **WEILERS** in St. Louis. This summer Joanna Weiler is in France, visiting the Chabrier family, and we had all of them over for a visit. Their daughter thus spent time in a Christian home in St. Louis, and now Joanna can enlarge that influence to the whole family.

After 31 years we are changing our kitchen cabinets, and 2 Christian friends (Xavier & Victor) are doing the installation. The cabinet salesman (**Alan**) was intrigued by what we do in France, and was impressed by our interactions with our 2 installer friends. Alan went home and looked up our Web site to find out more about us. Then he started asking questions which led to dinner & a Bible study at our house with Xavier and us. Xavier will keep in touch with Alan while Pamela & I are in the States.

Pretty neat when we can see God at work, isn't it? Pamela & I will be anxious to get back to our work here in May 2012.

Be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (New Testament letter to the Ephesians)

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FRIENDS

Our good friends **Dwight & Vicki GERMER** (Dallas) have blessed us in many ways. In June they offered us a wonderful vacation with them in Tuscany. The trip was great and especially the fellowship. Unfortunately Pamela's sinus infection returned, and she was at times bedridden during our stay.

We were also blessed with the visit of **Kathy TEK**. Now in Washington, D.C., she had formerly lived in Lyon and has had the opportunity to return several times.

Doug & Liz WILLIAMS from Atlanta, who have also lived and worked in Lyon, came back for a 2-week visit. Pamela and I were able to make a short trip to the Swiss Alps with them. We have kind of adopted them as our children because our lives have intertwined a number of times the last few years.

Christine, who is not a believer but appreciates our faith, came from Geneva to spend a day with us. She is a thoughtful friend and we love her so.

Roland & Marianne GERAN, Christians from Guadeloupe, were in Lyon visiting family. Besides seeing them at church, we were able to invite them for a meal & afternoon visit.

FAMILY

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- For Christophe, who in southern France feels alone in his faith
- For our dermatologist, Alan & all others searching for God
- For the Moebius family in Germany
- For our adjustment to a different ministry in Oklahoma
- For our family scattered across the globe
- For healing for Pamela
- And most of all, **THANKSGIVING** for all of God's blessings



Hiking is our favorite pastime

ARDECHE, FRANCE

This year Lyon prepared the program for the family retreat in central France. I was one of 6 speakers on the theme of Women of Faith, and I was blessed to teach about Mary, mother of Jesus. The children's classes were taught by the students from Harding University. Two women from Searcy presented a workshop for Sunday school teachers. In all, 137 people attended the 4-day retreat, the largest annual gathering of Churches of Christ in French-speaking Europe. It was good to spend time with *Christophe* from southern France, whom I baptized in March.

It has become a tradition that *Doyle & Barbara KEE* stop over with at least one carload of campers to have a picnic lunch at our house on their way to summer camp. This year was no different, but because it was raining we set up tables & chairs in our garage.

I have performed a number of weddings over the years. This time I was interpreter for part of the bilingual wedding of **Rey & Lia BAFFOUR**. It was on a Sunday, and we were touched by the way the ceremony was interwoven with the worship service. It was a touching testimony, not just about the couple's love but most important God's love for us all. It was an honor to be a part of joining in matrimony 2 strong Christians who are an active part of church life in their city.



Our dear friend ***Gerald MOEBIUS*** died on August 2 after a long struggle with cancer. He & Florencia were our neighbors in the 90s, and we became close from studying the Bible together. Our boys and theirs were inseparable while growing up. Pamela & I are particularly grieved that we cannot make it to Germany for the funeral nor see Florencia for another year.

At this moment we are scurrying about, preparing to leave for the States on August 12. I will be teaching at Oklahoma Christian University for the 2011-12 school year, as I did in 2003-04. Pamela will be gathering resources to prepare a parenting seminar for the French-speaking world. It is no small task to leave home for 9 months, not to mention all my college class preparations. But it will be a blessing to be close to family.