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LYON

Pamela & I continue our **BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSIONS** with 5 people we got to know through the marriage seminar that we gave in Lyon in 2010. In addition, this summer a Christian (who stopped attending church years ago) invited us to their home to give them some marriage counseling.

One summer Sunday we had 28 church members and contacts over for **FELLOWSHIP**, games and refreshments. Since everyone but us lives in an apartment, they obviously enjoyed being outside.



A global outreach touching all parts of the Frenchspeaking world

Prayer Requests

- For Xavier, Nicole, Gerald, Francoise, Victor
- That more young people will receive God's calling to work for Him **fulltime**
- For **Caroline** just starting out in life
- Praise for the Christians directing the **spiritual internship** in Marseille
- For the faith of our **young Christians**
- Healing for **Pamela** (yet trusting God knows what is best for us & his kingdom)
- Blessings on all of you who **support** our mission efforts, financially and/or prayerfully



At the Hendrixes'



Hendrix home in June

Charles & Pam WHITE are in a period of transition, waiting for the sale of their Lyon apartment before they move to the States definitively. Please join us in praying for their peace & joy through it all.

A June "tradition" for our congregation is **Robert**McCREADY's group of French students from Harding
University. The 14 of them sang in the streets and
distributed invitations for their concert at church.
What's more, Robert presented a gospel message
during the concert, they had teaching activities for
young people, and they distributed cards in mailboxes
offering free Bible courses. Their annual visits are
always a boost and we thank God for them.

CENTRAL FRANCE

Another example of short-term missions is the annual work week at the **BONNEFOI** Bible camp (2-1/2 hours from Lyon). I did manual labor alongside 55 others from France, Switzerland and the U.S. Our goal was to repair, renovate and finish building an annex in time for summer camp. My job was to put up wooden wall trim in the new annex and to help repair old showers.



Some played Scrabble



Others played a new badminton



Something for everyone



Church concert, Harding group



Giving out invitations at city hall

Find rest, O my soul, in



Arlin at camp work week

MARSEILLE

Another opportunity to serve in France is the CHRISTIANS ON A MISSION internship in Marseille. In July I taught at their summer session, and Pamela & I went with 3 Lyon church teens. There were 60 participants from France, Switzerland, Holland, Scotland and the U.S. We had 3 hours of morning Bible study, and all classes were simultaneously translated. Afternoons were singing in nursing homes & a hospital, visiting shut-ins, reaching out to the homeless. Our chorus also performed in 2 churches.

God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and mv honor depend on God: he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him. for God is our refuge. -Psalm 62



Doug, Liz & Caroline Williams



Arlin in Marseille chorus



Arlin teaching at Marseille internship

In addition, Marseille has a year-long spiritual internship, with lots of Bible study and a schedule similar to the summer **CEM** week. This year 7 young adults completed the full program and have now returned home to a lifelong mission in their various European & American cities. Individually & as a congregation, Lyon helped support 2 of these interns. Let us know if you'd like more information about CEM and that mission led by the **DAUNERS & YOUNGS**.

We appreciated **Philippe DAUNER**'s reflections on long-term mission work. Sharing faith in France requires a lot of trust-building, and that takes a long time, sometimes years of relationship. In one way that is great because the relationships we build so patiently can end up being the strongest we have ever experienced. Sometimes it can be heartrending, when someone you have invested so much in, decides to turn away from God. But no doubt about it, it is worth it all. Thank you for your patient participation in our long-term foundation-building so that France may come back to Christ.

VISITORS

We are having less company this summer so Pamela



Pamela & Lyon behind

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for restless nights:
being thankful for
daily gifts.





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can be in optimum condition for her surgery. We consider **Doug & Liz WILLIAMS** from Nashville our honorary children. They stayed with us for 3 weeks, and it was fun getting to know their 10-month-old **Caroline**. We relished little pleasures like enjoying God's nature, sharing relaxed meals outside on our porch, squeezing baby Caroline, smelling her sweet baby hair, laughing with her giggles. MERCI to Doug for helping Arlin with yard work!

FAMILY

Pamela is scheduled for sinus surgery on SEPTEMBER 23. One of France's top sinus specialists will operate on her in Paris. After that, Pamela is scheduled to be on strong antibiotics for 3 months, so we are planning to stay home all fall.

Meanwhile, Pamela is on a natural regimen for the 3 months preceding surgery (homeopathy, herbal medicines, vitamins & trace elements, nose washings, massages, etc.) to get rid of as much of the sinus infection as possible. We continue to plead with God for **HEALING**.

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