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HAPPY NEW YEAR ! In France you can send New Year's wishes until the end of January...

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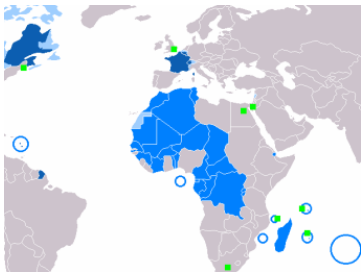
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LYON

Our congregation is in **TRANSITION** because of the Whites' recent move back to the States. This causes new dynamics as we move forward with the Lord's help. Please pray for vision, courage, faith.

Another change we need to make is our **MEETING LOCATION**. The church rents commercial space in an apartment complex, and the homeowner association has voted for gates. Closed gates now discourage visitors from entering and make entry difficult for church members. Please pray that God provide a new location



A global outreach touching
all parts of the French-
speaking world

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In submission to the Spirit's guidance, we feel called to minister primarily to the French-speaking world. We join God in His ongoing loving & gracious work: offering forgiveness to people haunted by their past. We want to heal broken marriages, offer people unconditional acceptance, and give troubled souls a taste of real peace, a peace that surpasses all understanding.

OUR VISION

We believe that all who are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit are then equipped to be agents for good in a corrupt and idolatrous culture. We therefore seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then move confidently into the world as light and salt. We intentionally reach out to non-believers to introduce them to the unchanging message of Jesus. We teach people how to live a life that pleases God, using the

within our means that is convenient via public transportation.



Downtown Lyon

TRIALS

The past few weeks have tested & refined us in various ways. First was the death of Pamela's father, **V.M. WHITESELL**, on November 20.

After our arrival in the States, we experienced **WEATHER**: the biggest earthquake ever in Oklahoma (4.5 on the Richter scale), a 5-inch snowstorm, and a cold winter that has broken all kinds of records.

In Texas Christmas Eve, Pamela came down with the **SWINE FLU** (4 days of 102-103 degree fever). That turned to bronchitis & ear infection (10 more days of fever), then a ruptured eardrum (temporary deafness in 1 ear), and then horrible reactions to the antibiotics. That same flu killed 12,000 Americans 4 years ago, and this time a number of adults in good health have died of pulmonary complications. We are thankful to God and to our nurse daughter Jana for their care of Pamela.

Bible as our only guide. We help Christians become mature followers of Christ. We work with a church that unites people from all backgrounds into one body.

Prayers

- For church transitions in Lyon
 - For a new meeting place for the Lyon church
 - For Pamela's mother
 - For Winfred Wright & family
 - Thanksgiving for Pamela's healing
 - Thanksgiving for Rick & Lydia's healing
 - Thanksgiving for Mark & Kelly, Michael & Gentry, and continued prayers for others
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Answered Prayers

There are so few young Christians in Europe, that last year we asked you to pray for more. One answer to that prayer is that **Mark & Kelly BARNECHE** have accepted a job transfer to Lausanne, and in a few months **Michael & Gentry GRIFFITH** are moving to Marseille. Praise God!

DOTTIE WRIGHT

On January 14, we suffered the loss of a dear friend who died of pneumonia complications from the same flu that bowled Pamela over. **Dottie and her husband Winfred WRIGHT** were my French professors at Harding University, and it's thanks to the Wrights that I moved to France. All these years, I have also considered Winfred my mentor. I was honored to have a small part in Dottie's funeral in Searcy, Arkansas.



FAMILY

God's timing is always perfect. The death of Pamela's father gave Pamela & me 2 extra weeks with our family in the States. V.M.'s death at age 91 was a victory celebration, and I was privileged to do his funeral in Oklahoma and again in Tennessee. Pamela's mother, **Lois WHITESELL**, still lives at home and is doing very well. Pamela & I were blessed to be able to help her with many administrative & physical things around the house, in addition to emotional support.



Arlin & granddaughter Melody



Lois went with us to visit Jana's family in Texas



Our son Daniel lives in Texas, too



Family tradition of Scrabble



Mamie reading to grandkids



2008 photo with Pamela's parents



Lois & 4 children at V.M.'s funeral





Tristan & Judy with Daniel

**Psalm 14 -
"The fool says
in his heart,
"There is no
God." They are
corrupt, their
deeds are vile;
there is no one
who does
good. The
Lord looks
down from
heaven on the
sons of men to
see if there are
any who
understand,
any who seek
God. All have
turned aside;
they have
together
become
corrupt; there
is no one who
does good, not
even one."
(So you see,
this problem is
not a new one.
May we shine
bright in the
darkness!)**

Lois, Arlin & Pamela, son Daniel & daughter Jana's family

On December 10, Pamela & I celebrated our **25th ANNIVERSARY**. We spent a night in a historic bed & breakfast and went to a play.

We then spent the holidays with our daughter **JANA's** family in the Dallas area. Their 3 children are 5, 7 & 9 years old, so it was loads of fun, especially with the kids' new puppy for Christmas. It was great that our son **DANIEL** came over quite a bit as well.

Our son **NATHAN** has lived in Seoul for 7 years, and our daughter **KAREN's** family in Zambia for almost 6 years. Pamela & I are hoping to see Karen's tribe next fall, but not sure for Nathan. We only get to see them every 2-3 years. C'est la vie (that's life).

We just had big scares with Karen's family. One Sunday this month, her husband had to go to the bush hospital (an hour away) because of a bad case of malaria plus bronchitis. On Monday they had to carry their 6-year-old daughter to the hospital because of spiking fever due to malaria, and she went home still on IV's. Tuesday Lydia was worse, so another trek to the hospital. It was the kind of **MALARIA** that can go to the brain and is often fatal. We thank God that Rick & Lydia have recovered.

As a friend recently wrote: Never take for granted either your life or the life of those you love. Hug, write, call, Skype or text often with those who are dear to you. **REJOICE** in the days God gives you!

REPORTING TRIP

We try to see our supporters every 3 years. Since our poor bodies don't feel like we can do any more 20-bed marathons, we're trying to spread out these visits. This trip we went to Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia and Missouri. Because Pamela's father was buried in Nashville, we also had the opportunity to also visit with supporters there. As



Our son Nathan in Asia



Karen's family in Africa

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