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LYON

Our congregation purchased the license for a public showing of the movie “Courageous” on a Saturday, followed by discussion & refreshments. If you have not seen it, we highly recommend it for its family values. The next day I did a follow-up sermon on the resolutions made in the movie about their responsibilities as fathers.

Naturally, Pamela & I have been teaching classes at church. Pamela taught a two-part class for the women on the God of peace. I have been teaching a series on the Gospel of Mark. My approach is as an evangelistic tool to help people know, or better know, Jesus in order to follow him wholeheartedly.

Pamela & I are also studying Mark with our good friends **Xavier & Nicole**. Xavier is a Christian, but Nicole is just now getting to know Jesus. We are very pleased that she agreed to study with us, and we are really enjoying our time together on Friday nights.

I like this saying - “How to fish: eagerly cast line into water; wait; wait more.”

Pamela & I try to encourage our church teens as much as possible. We enjoy doing things such as hiking, and we also try to have thought-provoking discussions with them. This fall they came over for 2 days, and we watched the movie “The Ultimate Gift”. This is another movie we recommend.



Church teens spent a weekend with us during fall break

“They will rise up on wings like the eagle; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.” - Isaiah 40 - God helps us with direct intervention, with the energy to fight and with the strength to hold on.

FAMILY NEWS

For 3 years Pamela has been struggling with a sinus infection & headaches. Right now she is in Marseille for a 3-week treatment at thermal (sulfur) springs specializing in upper respiratory illnesses. She will also see a specialist in Paris in December. We are blessed to have such good medical care.

Ever since her breast cancer 5 years ago, Pamela is able to put her sinus problems in perspective. "You learn to love life more after going through life-shattering storms. Especially if you can use those trials to grow & help someone else."

FRIENDS

We always have company and we always enjoy company. In September Pamela's cousin **Chip MOORE** & his wife **Sharyn** from California came to spend 10 days with us. We spent time relaxing at home and then traveled to the Provence region of France, 3 hours away. A good time was had by all!

We had a quick visit from **Angel & Lydia PANZANO** from Geneva. Angel has a very interesting conversion story. Unbeknownst to me, he & Lydia attended a wedding I did years ago, and something in my remarks started him searching the Scriptures. He was later converted, and one day I asked him how he became a Christian. He explained that it all started at a wedding, and it did not take me long to realize he was talking about the wedding I had performed. You never know what may lead a person to Christ and you may never know that you had a role in it.

Scott & Lisa HARRIS stopped by to see us for 4 days on their way to the States from Mozambique, Africa, where they are missionaries. Scott spent 2 years as a missions apprentice in Lyon, 1986-88. He was there for me, Jana & Karen during the last months of Judy's illness and death. I also did his & Lisa's wedding, so our bonds are tight.

LA ROCHELLE

Part of our ministry is visiting & edifying isolated Christians. We made a weekend trip to visit a retired Christian couple, **Hubert & Raymonde NOBLET** on the Atlantic coast. That was a 9-hour drive each way. We worshipped with them and studied and prayed. We went to encourage them but, as always happens, we were encouraged too.

We thank God for our friendships with both older people and younger people. We think it helps broaden our perspective and hopefully have more compassion & empathy.

PAU

We made another trip, this time an 8-hour train ride, to see **Christophe** & family near the Spanish border. Pamela & I studied and worshipped with Christophe, and Pamela talked with his wife **Marie** about what it means to have faith. Christophe was baptized 2 years ago and has continued to study & attend spiritual retreats. He wants to start a church in Pau, and plans are being made for a major outreach in April 2013.



PLEASE PRAY:

- **That Nicole will be touched by Jesus and come to faith**
- **That our church teens will continue to grow in faith**
- **For isolated Christians throughout the world**
- **For Marie as she considers Christ**
- **For plans to reach out to the Pau population with the Gospel**
- **Courage & zeal for all of us to reach out every day**
- **For healing for Pamela**