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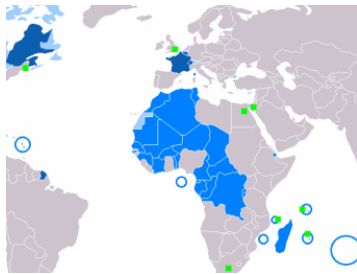
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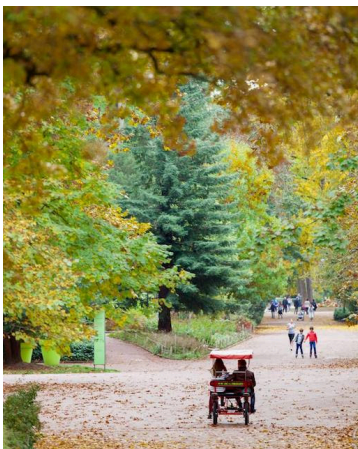
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## LYON

**Full house:** One idea that came from our church retreat last April was to organize regular **visitors' days**. Our September edition packed our auditorium, and I spoke on "A Reason To Hope". We even printed a special program to make it easier for visitors to follow. Our special service was followed by a potluck allowing us time to visit.



A global outreach to the French-speaking world



Autumn at Parc de la Tête d'Or



**Midweek class:** This fall I'm focusing on the **Gospel of Luke**. My approach is not a detailed study of the book, but a look at the person of Jesus. As I told the class, my goal is "to help us fall in love with him to the point that we cannot live without him".

**Ladies' class:** Pamela is teaching a series on "Pardon: Healing the Hurts". She will present it again during our 2018 mission trip to Guadeloupe. Pamela believes that one of the most important gifts of faith is **forgiveness**: "learning to empathize and also recognizing when I'm the one in need of forgiveness".



**Fasting:** This month we're doing a **congregational fast** (voluntary of course). Besides concentrating on our personal relationship with God, we are praying about our congregation's future, our intergenerational relationships, and a larger meeting place.

**4 new members:** We are blessed with a good group of **young adults** who meet weekly to invite friends for



## BEYOND LYON

**Avignon, France:** Recently we had friends visiting, and we took them a couple of hours south. Months ago we had reserved at our friends' B&B, but then Patricia called a few days before to say she had accidentally overbooked. But she said not to worry because she had already reserved for us somewhere else that would give us the same family rate she gives us. So off we went. Our first clue that "something was up", was the B&B's Wi-Fi password: maygodhelp. Our hostess was **Anna** from Vancouver, and we started noticing our FAITH connection. She's a Christian and had been hungering for fellowship in the spiritual desert of this country; in the 3 years she & her family have been in France, they had not found any practicing Christians. I don't know who was happiest about our encounter, her or us! Arlin & I plan to return as soon as we can, and we're hoping she'll come visit us soon in Lyon.



Symbolic of spiritual emptiness  
in France

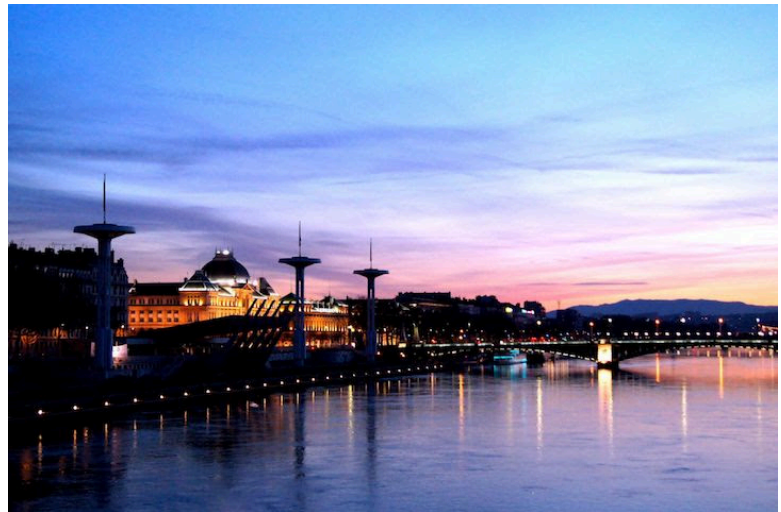
**Marseille:** One blessing for French-speaking Europe is CEM (Christians on a mission), a one-year spiritual internship. Several of our Lyon members have

discussions, meals and activities. Four new Christian students joined us this fall. One is from Geneva, two from Madagascar and one from Trinidad in the Caribbean. That now makes 11 nationalities in our small church!

**France's best student city:** The magazine *l'Etudiant* ("The Student") gave this year's award to Lyon due to its pleasant environment, quality training and online campuses. Our city has **150,000 students** in over 30 universities.

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Most institutions are public and, according to our bank, in 2016 the average tuition was \$6000/year.



Sunset over l'Université de Lyon & the Rhone River

## PERSONAL

**From Pamela:** For years I've dreamed of creating a cookbook. Today it's exorbitant to print a paper edition, and more & more cooks are going digital. So I have started sharing my favorite recipes, complete with photos, with family & a few friends by email. They have reacted so positively that I decided to tell you about it. My philosophy is that good cuisine doesn't require hours in the kitchen, just fresh ingredients that are in season. Recently: *Tortellini Pesto Platter*, *Plum Pie*, *Tian Provençal*. Drop me a note if you'd like to be

completed the program. This year **Cindy CHOTKAN** is participating, a first for someone from Guadeloupe. She flew into Lyon and spent a night with us before we drove her to Marseille 3 hours away. She is doing well even though it is her first time to be off the island.

**Geneva:** Part of life is saying goodbye. Such a time came when **Doyle & Barbara KEE** moved back to the States after working with the Geneva Church of Christ for 47 years. I've known them since 1968, and we have enjoyed ministering together and sharing our joys & sorrows. May God bless them!

Last month I was invited to be guest speaker for the Geneva congregation. They, like us in Lyon, need to find a **new meeting place**. Please pray with us.

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## FRIENDS

Pamela & I try to work hard at reaching out to others, but sometimes we too need encouragement. We were blessed by the 10-day visit of **Richie & Buffy LYNN**. Richie is an elder of the White Station church in Memphis. We thank God for the love & care given us by them and our White Station family.



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## How we can all

added to my **email recipe list**. [hendrixap@gmail.com](mailto:hendrixap@gmail.com)



Raspberry jam fresh from our garden

**From Arlin:** For my 70th birthday I had the surprise party of my life. The highlight was a party Pamela organized, inviting 3 families from Geneva and 3 from Lyon to eat couscous together. At church that Sunday morning, the 3 families arrived from out of town. Since they all have children in Lyon, I didn't think it strange but I did wonder why they all came the same day. Surprise, surprise! After lunch we went to the home of **Christophe & Verline VAROQUIER** for dessert with gifts, singing and games. What a day! My heartfelt thanks to all & especially my dear wife!



Arlin's surprise birthday lunch

Christophe & Pierrick had written a song & music for Arlin



## join in God's work

Sharing the Good News involves spiritual warfare, so we need your prayers. You can remember us to God in a general way, or you can pray for the specifics we mention in each newsletter. You're a **vital part** of our ministry.

## PRAYERS

- For the church's young adults
- Supplications for God to help Lyon & Geneva congregations find new meeting places
- Praise for **Anna** & multiple occasions the Holy Spirit provides to share our faith
- Pray for France, which often feels like a spiritual desert
- For the CEM internship & **Cindy's** adjustment to life in France
- For **Doyle & Barbara's** adaptation to life in Arkansas
- Gratitude for **Richie & Buffy** and all our friends who help us keep on keeping on

## Be Still My Soul

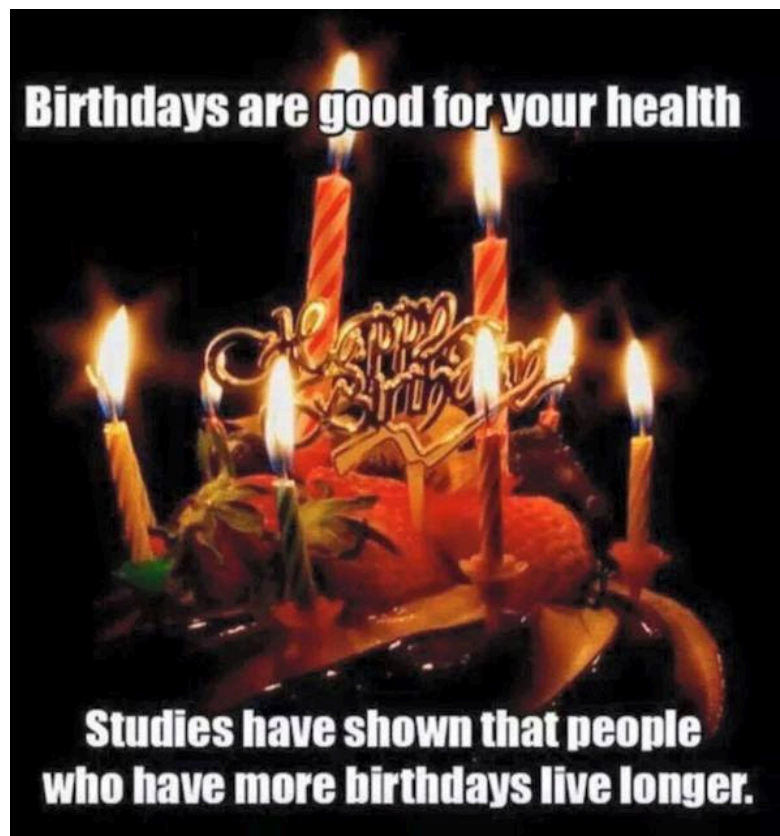
So many of you liked this video on our Hendrix Missions Facebook page, that we're posting it again here. A powerful rendition of this hymn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKGGUJoRvPs>

Shalom. Peace.



As **Philippe DAUNER** in Marseille wrote: "God doesn't love people because of their usefulness to Him, but He uses His people because of His love for us. Therefore, if we accept to always stay learners and grow in our understanding of what it means to be loved by God, and share it with our juniors, our life will take the reverse route our body is going. I believe that's what eternal life will all be about: always learning and growing in divine discernment and never diminishing in spirit or in motivation (or in body). Finally a place where grey hair (if we have any) will be a crown to gain!"

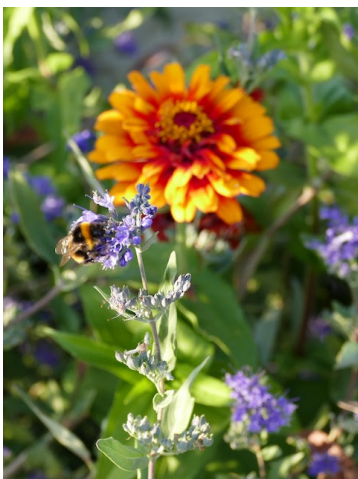




Wind on our hill, John 3:8



Black redstart outside our window



Busy bumblebee on our bluebeard  
bush (zinnia behind)

A favorite verse for me now is **Psalm 71:18**:  
**“Even when I am old and gray, O God, do not  
 forsake me, until I declare your strength to this  
 generation, your power to all who are to  
 come.”**



Gardens are the slowest of the performing arts  
 Front flower bed on a fine September evening



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