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### HAPPY EASTER !

Our March mission to Guadeloupe was perhaps our best ever, a very intense trip.

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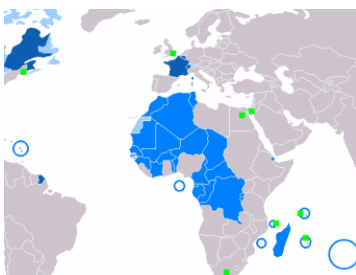


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## LYON

At church I began teaching a series on **Satan** entitled "Know Your Enemy". Our congregation is under continual attack, so I deem it important to better understand how he works and to better appreciate the victory we have in Jesus. At the same time I am on guard because I'm sure the devil is not happy with my lesson goals.

Several have asked about our search for a **new meeting place**. We still have not found one within our



A global outreach to the French-speaking world



## FAMILY

No family news other than

means. Our good friend & architect, Dwight GERMER, even came from the U.S. at his expense to help us look. We spent a week searching for suitable places, but to no avail. We thank God for Dwight's generosity and willingness to help.



Lately we have changed our **prayers** to be more specific, and then we watch to see what will happen. God's Spirit is always at work, but often we're just not tuned in. Pamela prayed daily for God to give her the opportunity to talk with our former landlord (Marius) about his faith, and 3 weeks later she was able to have a good talk with him.

Did you know that Lyon was voted as "Europe's Leading City Break Destination" by the 2016 World Travel Awards? Lyon is a highly popular weekend destination, winning out over cities such as Athens, Dublin & Lisbon.

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Some interesting statistics: The current population of France is 65 million. About 70% are atheist, and only **4%** of the population identify themselves as **practicing Christians** (meaning they go to church once a month). We have our work cut out for us! But



my hand surgery for **carpal tunnel syndrome** in January. In 2010 I had my right hand done, and this time it was my left. It is quite handicapping being one-handed for several weeks. Many times I thought of the Bible illustration of the church as a body needing all its members.



13 visitors, home prayer meeting  
in Guadeloupe



Home visits: Suzette then & now



Arlin's favorite, pineapple upside-  
down cake

then again, don't we all?

As **Max DAUNER** (Marseille) recently wrote: "My only hope is that the Lord is sufficient for these things and we can count on his all-sufficiency by abiding in Him. Jesus said to his apostles: *'I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.'* (John 15)"

## BEYOND LYON

Pamela thoroughly enjoys the annual spiritual retreat for women from France, Switzerland & Belgium. It was held in **Marseille** this winter, with 90 in attendance and a great theme: Ecclesiastes 3. "To everything there is a season."

Almost every year Pamela & I go to **Guadeloupe** in the French West Indies. The work there was begun in 1984 by a couple converted in Lyon, which explains our special filial bond with that mission. This was an especially rewarding trip and, as Pamela wrote several friends, "My strongest feeling is wonder & gratitude in seeing God's Spirit at work."



Backing up a bit, 18 years ago the Guadeloupe Church of Christ split, and most of the members slowly left to form another assembly in the city of St.



Fresh coconut water from Alex



Grandson Yolan wanted to help clean crabs



Goat on its way to the slaughter



Cows tied up along the roads

François. Despite a number of **reconciliation attempts**, the first group cut ties with the others. This year Pamela & I beseeched God to open doors, and things finally began to change! We were well received by the couple leading the other church, and the wife came to 2 of the ladies' classes Pamela was teaching. She was well received by everyone. Praise God!!

Another positive side of our trip was the series that Pamela taught on **anger**. There were at least 15 visitors, and it was obviously a subject the women were very interested in. And the discussions continue!



I myself taught a series on the **Holy Spirit**. Very enlightening. Pamela & I reread the book of Acts in preparation for my lessons.

Pamela & I did take a few days off to rest. But even then, God put someone on our path! We talked for 2 hours to the B&B owner about raising children, anger & God. **Nathalie** & Pamela have already exchanged emails, and we plan to go back & see her next year.

## FRIENDS

Our close friends from near Geneva, **Camille & Brigitte RUIZ**, organized a reunion with old friends **Ignacio & Montserrat LLUSIA**. Montserrat & Pamela have been friends since 1976, but had lost touch 25



Careful driving, sugar cane season

*You can click on pictures to make them bigger!*

## Prayers

- For protection from our arch enemy, "the evil one"
- Supplications for God to help us find a new meeting place
- May each of us seek ways to share our faith
- For increased unity among the Christians in Guadeloupe
- Nathalie & other Guadeloupians who are seeking God
- Thanksgiving for our Christian friends who help us "keep on keeping on"
- For God's care for our family far away (That separation doesn't get any easier as the years go by!)

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years ago. We love reunions and God does too, don't you think?

We made 2 other trips to that area (2 hours away) to be with other friends, **Doyle & Barbara KEE** and **Angel & Lydia PANZANO**. It's always a delight to be with members of the Geneva church because we were members there ourselves 40 years ago.

We made a fourth 2-hour drive to visit **Martin & Béatrice DEVILLERS** near Grenoble. Béatrice was baptized maybe 30 years ago, but feels very isolated in her faith. She's been a good friend to Pamela over the years.

Naturally we've also had visitors in our home. Besides **Dwight GERMER** from Texas (see above), **Andrea MARROQUIN**, a young Christian from Mexico and studying in Marseille, spent a couple of nights with us as she was checking out an internship near Lyon.

***"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." (Revelation 12)***



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