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LYON

BIBLE SEMINAR: The Lyon congregation started out the New Year with an outreach seminar presented by **Garth HUTCHINSON** from Marseille. Garth's theme was Wisdom from the Proverbs. Attendance by church members was good, and we also had 3 visitors.

This summer, Garth & his family have to return to the States after 19 years of full-time ministry here in France. We are sure going to miss them! And do join us in prayer for more French-speaking missionaries!

FRIENDS

Our most recent visitors were **Dan & Taylor JOHNSON**, who are teaching English in Nantes. They made a weekend trip to see us and attend church services. They hope to return to Lyon before their return to the States in May.

So far they have not found a fundamental New Testament church in Nantes, a city of 700,000 on the west coast of France, but they have been able to meet with 2 isolated Christians.



OUR WEB SITE

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FRENCH SURVEY: According to *Le Monde des Religions* (*The World of Religions*, January 2007), 51% of the French consider themselves Catholic, and 31% said they have no religion. 5% want to be considered simply Christians. Sounds familiar!

The survey shows a dissonance in France between being Catholic and going to mass.

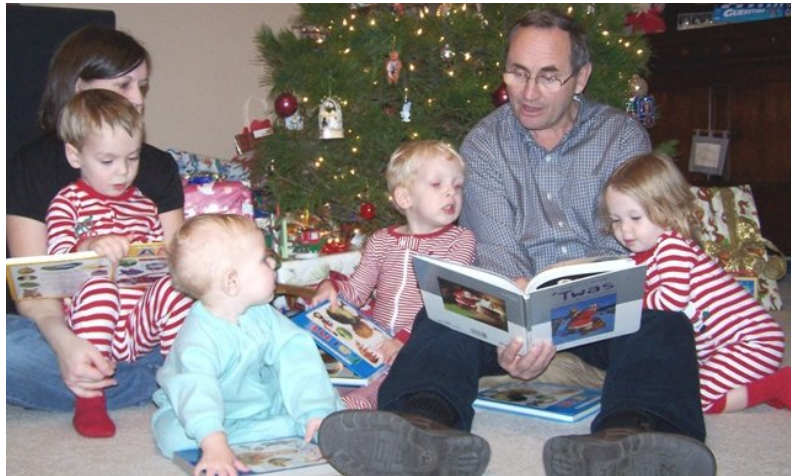
- 52% of French Catholics never set foot in a church except for family ceremonies.
- 31% go to church occasionally for Christmas or Easter.
- 17% attend several times a year.

This is not surprising since only 1 French Catholic out of 2 believes in God. 31% are not sure if God exists, and 17% state that they do not believe at all.

To the question, "If God exists, how do you view him?", 79% of Catholics answered "a force, energy, a spirit". Only 18% said that God was "someone with whom I can have a personal relationship".

A mere 10% of French Catholics believe in the resurrection of the dead, 8% believe in reincarnation, and 26% believe that there is nothing at all after death. Only 58% believe in Christ's resurrection.

- **Please pray for more French-speaking Christian workers! There are 300 million Francophones in the world.**
- **For Pamela's health**
- **For our financial situation (MERCI to those of you who have helped us out!)**
- **For Ricardo & Nathalie's marriage & faith (Lyon church members)**
- **For our ongoing studies with Brazilians here in Lyon**
- **For our March mission trip to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean**



FAMILY NEWS

PAMELA'S HEALTH: So many have prayed for Pamela and we thank God for His healing. Surgery to remove the breast cancer and subsequent radiation treatment were successful, and no cancer was found in Pamela's lymph nodes. She has actually suffered more from side effects of the estrogen suppressor she is to take for another 5 years. Last month her mammogram showed that all is clear, and the doctor has changed her medicine in hope of diminishing the side effects. Please pray for Pamela as she adapts to this new treatment.

NOTE FROM PAMELA: When the disease is caught as early as mine, the 5-year survival rate is over 95%. So women, please don't forget your regular mammograms! You may want to consider a digital mammogram, which in many cases is more accurate than conventional film mammography.

FAMILY VISIT: We got to spend Christmas in Texas with our 4 children and our 4 grandchildren! This trip was dedicated to family because it will be a long time before all of us will be together again. Karen's family will be moving to do mission work in Zambia, and Nathan is returning to teach in South Korea.

Pamela & I also made a short trip to California to see family, including my mother. We spent New Year's with Pamela's parents in Oklahoma, and we were able to meet with our sponsoring church in Guthrie, Oklahoma. I then returned home, and Pamela went on to St. Louis to visit Daniel & Mama Faye Dowdy.

"There is nothing so bad as parting with one's children. One seems so forlorn without them." This is a quote from *Pride & Prejudice*. However, we have found it even more difficult parting with our grandchildren!

No one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive 100 times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children & fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:29-30



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