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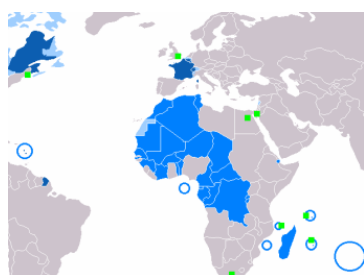
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LYON

A highlight of the year for our church is the visit of **Robert McCREADY**, who brings a group of French-speaking students from Harding University to help us reach out to the people of Lyon. This year Robert presented a great message on staying firm & strong in the Lord despite the pressures around us. Robert, his wife **Silva**, 2 of their children and the students also gave us a good concert.



A global outreach to the French-speaking world

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

Hey, what would you think of meeting up with us at the **French Mission Workshop** in September? Here's your chance to meet with past & present missionaries to French-speaking Europe! We're thinking there will be 100-150 of us converging at Harding University, so this should be a wonderful reunion. The program will have at least 7 missionary speakers, and we



Every summer we are blessed to have with us the **WOOTON family**, who comes to visit her parents near Lyon. Summertime always brings a number of visitors to church, this year from elsewhere in France, Switzerland, Albania, Africa, Haiti and the U.S. Please continue praying for God to help us find a larger meeting place.

The slower vacation months of July & August give Pamela & me opportunities to spend more time with our church members & friends. We've made it a special priority to try and get with everyone **individually** this past month.

We've enjoyed having the church over to our house

think the highlight will be the singing & the Sunday worship service held entirely IN FRENCH.

For more information & registration:

<https://frenchmissionworkshop-searcy.joomla.com>

Could we ask you to **please register** as soon as possible? We need to know how many are coming in order to plan the meals.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail Barbara Kee at:

barbkeech@yahoo.com

Mark your calendar for

September 25-27!



twice for **potlucks** this summer. Pamela & I think we must not be the only ones enjoying the fellowship since folks usually stay until 6:00 or 7:00 PM!



Pamela & I continue to enjoy gardening and we're blessed to have a well. One benefit is that our house & yard have been cooler than most during our terrible **heat wave**. The average high in July was 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) with one-third our usual rainfall. That continued into August and on the 7th it hit 105°F (41 C) – and folks over here don't have air-conditioning! Whew, it has thankfully cooled off now.

This time of year you really notice Lyon's **rental bikes**, numbering 4000. Each day 23,000 people pick them up at one of the 384 bike stations (meaning that each two-wheeler is used by about 6 riders a day). Greater Lyon has 382 miles (614 km) of bike paths. Result: the European equivalent of the Automobile Association awarded first place to Lyon's Velo'V system. Today bicycles represent 25% of the city's traffic. Good news for a city of 1.2 million!

<http://www.en.lyon-france.com/Discover-Lyon/Leisure-Discovery/Velo-v>



Fourvière Basilica from the top



3-ton statue of Mary,
Lyon's patron saint



Archangel Michael
high above Lyon built on 2 rivers

Prayers



Rooftops of Renaissance Lyon

FRIENDS

We are blessed to have many friends, and we pray we are a blessing to them as well. We were abundantly blessed this summer with visits from dear ones who help us keep on keeping on.

In July we had visits from two families from Oklahoma Christian University. First came **Jim & Yodie BAIRD**. Through our friendship things were set in motion for me to be visiting missionary at OC in 2003-04, and we're ever grateful to them for that. What's more, our weekly dinners together made us fast friends.

Following hard on their heels were **Bob & Donna CARPENTER** and their daughter **Kelly BARNECHE**. Bob was my boss both times I was at Oklahoma Christian. He & Donna are former missionaries to Brazil, so we have much in common. Kelly & her husband Mark work for Pepperdine University in Lausanne, Switzerland.

- Thanksgiving for the Lyon Church of Christ outgrowing its current facilities

- Continued supplications for God to help us find a new meeting place

- Praise for peace & harmony in the Lyon church

- Thanksgiving that we always have plenty of water to drink

- And good food to eat, a roof over our head & we live in peace

- For the upcoming French Mission Workshop, September 25-27

- Thanksgiving for regular visits from Christian students & friends

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
(Isaiah 12:2-3)



Didier & Marie-Claude PIGAL came from western France for 3 days. We met them at the marriage seminar we gave in Le Mans in 2013.

Ketty GAUTHIEROT is not only a friend, but also like a daughter to us since she was taught & baptized in Lyon before moving to Paris. We got to have her over one afternoon while she was in town visiting.

Mélina PANZANO and **Nicolas RUIZ** are members of the Geneva Church of Christ, 90 minutes away and the closest congregation to Lyon. Pamela & I are very close to both sets of parents. When the young couple was in town, we seized the opportunity to have them over for a meal one Sunday.

Timothée & Paulina OPSITCH & their 3 girls (from Bellegarde, an hour away) made a surprise visit to our services. Timothée is the son of Yann (former French missionary), so we've known Timothée since he was a baby. We had his family over for lunch after church along with a number of others.



Sunset from our office window

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Follow the leader (lake in our town)

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