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LYON NEWS

Harding Students: *Robert McCREADY*, French professor at Harding University, brought 7 of his students to Lyon this year. In addition to their encouraging presence, they put on a vacation Bible school at church (in French of course), and they sang in the streets of Lyon. That prompted an invitation to sing at the annual music festival here, but their tight schedule did not allow them to return. They were excellent publicity for the congregation and an honor to the Lord they serve.

Isabelle: We wrote in February about Isabelle's conversion and the problems she faces being married to a Muslim. Her husband Malek has become friends with several church members partly through playing soccer with them. Recently however, he was accepted in a one-year training program 5 hours away. The couple is trying to decide if Isabelle will join him or remain in Lyon. If she stays, it will be a test for their marriage, but if she goes it will be a test of her faith.

Jenny: This Chinese student has continued to suffer from deep depression and was hospitalized for a time. Because of her health situation, she will be returning to China in July. There her fellow Christians can surround her with love and get her the care she needs.



BEYOND LYON

RETREAT IN ARDECHE MOUNTAINS

Along with 110 other Christians from France, Belgium and Switzerland, we got to attend the annual family retreat held at the Church of Christ camp in central France (2 hours from Lyon). As usual, the studies were instructive and encouraging, and the fellowship was wonderful. I taught a class for the younger teens. The setting is great, and nice weather allowed us to go on afternoon hikes.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Geneva church had a special dinner and invited us to give a report on our mission to Guadeloupe since they paid for part of our air fare. There were also reports from several other countries where Geneva supports mission efforts. About 80 Christians attended the international dinner, and it was a joy to participate and fellowship.

We made another quick trip to Geneva for the wedding of a young couple we have known since childhood. Sébastien grew up in a bad family situation, and I like to think I had some influence on him during the various teen activities I was able to be a part of through the years. Charis grew up in a wonderful Christian home, and Pamela & I are close to her family. Together we pray that they will be a light to the world of what it is to be a Christian family.



Civil wedding ceremony in Geneva

MAURITIUS

We were on a mission to Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean from June 16 to July 1. Our next newsletter will give a report of that work.



PLEASE PRAY:

- For Isabelle & Malek
- For Jenny as she returns to China
- For more Christians in French-speaking Europe
- For the mission work in Mauritius

2 Corinthians 5:18-20—God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.



Hike to top of Mont Mézenc during retreat

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VISITORS

Linda ALLEBE, a 25-year-old member of the Lyon church, moved to her own place in June, after living with us since October. **Kathy TEK** from Nashville lived with us for the month of June. Kathy spent the 2004-05 school year in Lyon and returned to work on her Master’s degree in French. It was a joy having them here.

Another fun visit was from **Laura WHITNEY**, who hails from Vermont. She taught English in Lyon in 2004-05, and this past school year worked on her Master’s in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In June we were blessed to host our friends **Dale & Evelyn LUNDY** from St. Louis for 4 days. They were in France visiting their daughter Alisa and family. Dale will also be teaching at the summer spiritual internship in Marseille, France.

When we went to Geneva, we had a too quick visit with **Lilian KOK** from Singapore. Unfortunately she had to change her plans to come see us in Lyon because we were leaving for Mauritius. Hopefully another time soon.

As mentioned above, in June we had the Harding University group. **Robert & Silva McCREADY**, leading the students, stayed in our home **with their 3 children**. They are former missionaries in France, and they continue to have a strong influence on French missions. Each year they bring students to work with churches in French-speaking Europe. Each year they are a blessing and we thank God for them.



Skits presented by Harding French students