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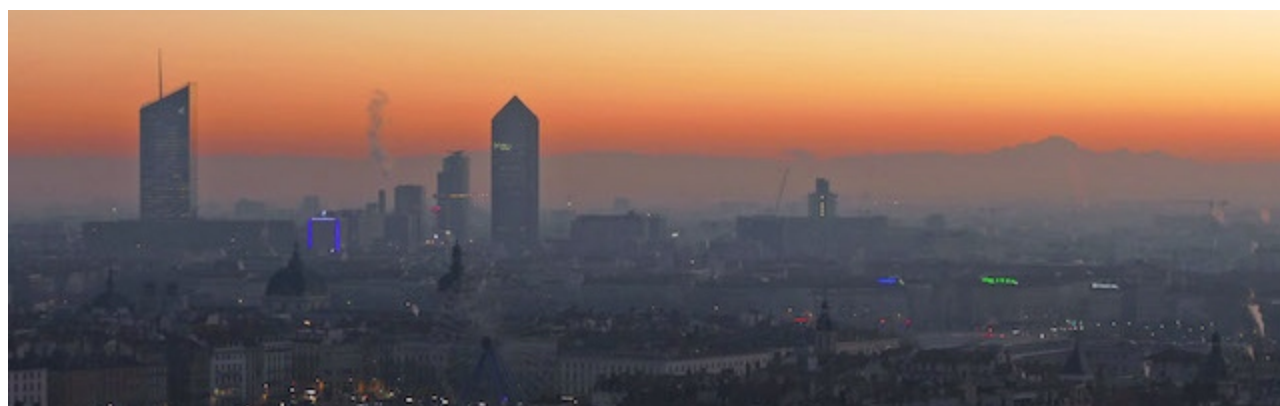
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Spring is a special season for us at church, with lots of encouraging events.

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Photo below: Sunrise over Lyon & Mont Blanc 98 miles (158 km) away



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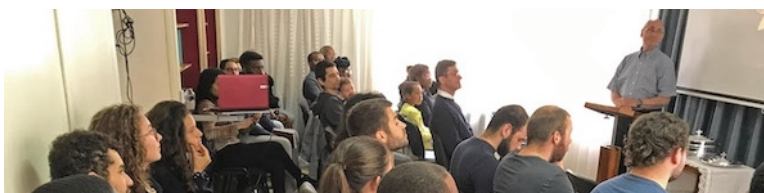


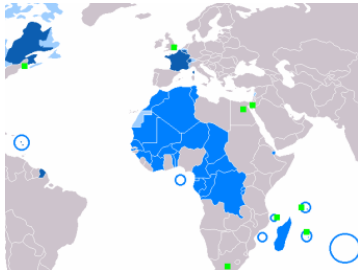
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LYON

Special weekend: Our young adults organized an **outreach effort** in Lyon, and others came in from churches in Marseille, Paris & Geneva. All our Lyon members were also invited to participate in the Saturday outreach. When asked what they thought of the weekend, all the young adults immediately replied they want to do it again as they learned so much and found their outreach efforts rewarding.





Outreach to the French-speaking world



Constance & Oni

FRIENDS

Constance VAROQUIER got to spend a couple of nights with us. We were also blessed to have the **PAQUET** family from Belgium spend a night with us. We go way back with **Pierre & Mary**, and I performed their daughter **Suzanne's** wedding. Pamela & I try to go to Liège once a year to encourage the Christians there.

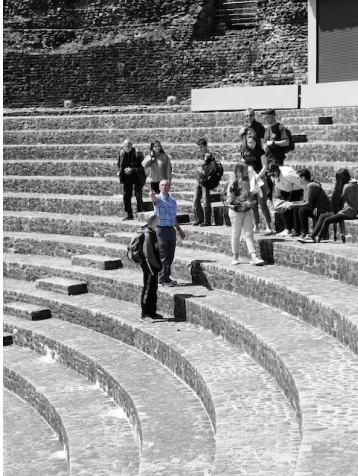


Adopted children: One way we encourage the young people at church is to invite them into our home. When it's a **slumber party**, they enjoy simple things like baking cookies, watching a movie & just visiting together. We enjoy being "heart parents", even though for some we could be their grandparents!

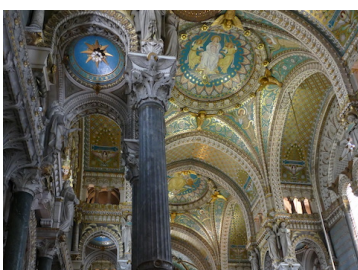
Young adults: Three of our members are working on their PhD degrees. **Constance** recently learned that she was not admitted to the program she wanted and is now applying for another. **Oni's** thesis defense is coming up this month, which will determine whether she can continue her studies in Lyon. We ask you to pray for these 2 dear sisters who are a central part of our young adult group.



Annual retreat: Our congregational retreat was held Easter weekend. We enjoyed the calm setting and a warm welcome at the **Jesuit retreat center** near Lyon. We discussed projects and dreams for the future, with a special emphasis on evangelism. We also talked about our need to keep looking for a new



1. Roman theatres date from the time of Christ
2. Arlin telling about early Christians in Lyon
3. This street's name means throat and refers to the martyrs



meeting place; our present one has gates requiring a visitor to ring an interphone to be let in. Please keep praying with us.



Harmony Chorus: Once again we hosted the chorus from **Marseille**. "Quality singing and a great message" was the reaction of those who attended the concert. We were able to use free of charge the closest Catholic church building, which is much larger than our own.



Lyon Church of Christ, June 2019

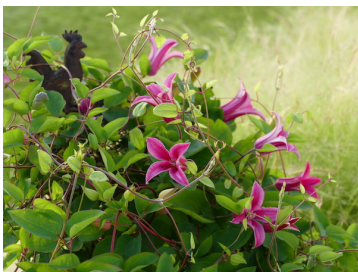
BEYOND LYON

Central France

The **annual family retreat** for French-speaking churches in Europe was held at our Bible camp in the mountains 2 1/2 hours from Lyon. It is such a wonderful time of fellowship. The program was an excellent series of lessons on "How To Read the Gospels" by **Max DAUNER** from Marseille.



1. Fourvière Basilica is all about Mary
2. 3-ton statue of Mary, Lyon's patron saint



Paris

The **Notre Dame** fire in April seems to have left no one indifferent. We like what **Philippe DAUNER** from Marseille wrote:

"This fire underlines the irony of the spiritual state of our country: its brightest spiritual accomplishments are now pretty but empty shells for a Godless world... The good news concerning Notre Dame is that there is enough of the structure left to consider rebuilding it. The trustworthy masons of the Middle Ages built to last! Its art and ceiling might be damaged, but the walls stood firm. Accordingly, we truly hope the remnant Christian presence in France will one day be deemed sturdy enough to build upon once again."



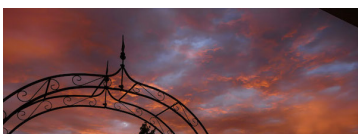


Spring at the Hendrixes' home

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
(Apostle Paul writing to the church in Rome)

Prayers

- Thanksgiving for our young adult group at church
- That Constance & Oni remain in Lyon, but God's will be done!
- Continuing glory to God for the love & unity in the Lyon church
- Supplications for God to provide our congregation with a new meeting place
- For revival of faith of the French people
- That the Pereira family find a church family near them in southern France
- For our financial situation and the Lord's direction in our ministries



Southern France

Edmundo & Ana came to Lyon from Brazil in 1996 to get their PhD's in anesthesiology & pharmacy. We studied the Bible together and I baptized Edmundo, then later his wife was baptized. Pamela & I were even attendants in their wedding. They moved near Toulouse in 2011, and they have 2 delightful children. Pamela & I recently had the privilege of visiting in their home. We picked up right where we had left off and it was a joyful time of sharing and spiritual encouragement.

French Culture

Here's a video crash course on the **Tour de France**, the famous bike race coming up in July. Many watch it on TV just to see the beautiful French countryside.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prR2_8sYTCE

July 2-7, 180,000 fans will converge in **Lyon for the soccer Women's World Cup**. Tickets are already sold out for the semi-finals and the final in the 60,000-seat stadium half a mile (0.9 km) from our old house. (We're thankful that our home is now 3 times further away.) Video by EuroNews: "Why Lyon is the perfect city to host the World Cup":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXkg9Ni0Bv8>

PERSONAL

We have been blessed and have not made a plea for financial help for 11 years. We thank God for all those who have given so faithfully for so long! But in recent months we have lost over **\$3,000** of our monthly salary due to death, divorce & financial duress. Most of our supporters are individuals.

Please let us know if you know of anyone who could help us out **either monthly or with a single contribution**. If we don't make up some of our lost income, it will change our ministry to just local work instead of the broader French-speaking world (Switzerland, Belgium, French West Indies, etc.).



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God has always taken good care of us, and we've
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