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LYON NEWS

In Lyon I am presently teaching a series on Miracles of the Bible. Recently we had 2 families from church into our home to watch the movie "Fireproof", which pays tribute to the importance of being there for your mate. After the movie their 4 kids stayed with us for a couple of days since they were on vacation. This was to give the parents some time alone and to serve those children other than at church.

Two young women from church have also stayed in our home lately. We were able to share "Fireproof" with them as well as another one called "The Ultimate Gift". We highly recommend both movies.

It is not often that one can do this in France, but Pamela invited her dermatologist out for lunch to give them time to talk other than during appointments. That the doctor accepted was a surprise for both her and Pamela since doctors do not normally develop relationships with patients.



We are not competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of his new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3)



BEYOND LYON

THE JURA

Besides meeting with 11 contacts in Lyon, Pamela and I made a trip to see an isolated Christian couple that lives in eastern France, 3 hours from Lyon. *Michel & Rose RAVAUX* are the parents of our Lyon member Serge, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2006.

PAU

A really nice surprise was the March 11 baptism of *Christophe* in southern France. He was first contacted in Colmar 7 years ago and started studying the Bible with *Bren WHITE* in the States. Christophe expressed the desire to be baptized, and we started corresponding. It was decided that *Doyle KEE* from Geneva would accompany me in driving to Pau (14 hours round-trip). We studied with Christophe and then I baptized him in a stream in the presence of his wife *Marie*. Christophe has become quite knowledgeable of the Bible and really wants to grow and share his faith with others.

PARIS & MARSEILLE

The first weekend of April, we gave a full-scale marriage seminar in Marseille with 31 participants, including Christians, Muslims and one atheist. This was basically an encore of the seminar that we had presented in Marseille in 2007. Even though given from a Christian perspective, the non-Christians felt at ease and commented on how the information would help their marriages.

In February we traveled to Paris to present a mini marriage seminar for the Moulin-Vert congregation.

In both cities we added a session on resolving conflict in relationships. Pamela & I first acted out an argument with all the bad ingredients then we discussed the same problem in a healthy way. The audience then helped us analyze each situation and what could be learned. This seemed to be a highlight for many of the participants.

BRAZIL

Our dear Brazilian friends, *Edmundo & Ana* and their 2 children, moved back to Brazil. Their move leaves a void for us because they hosted our Bible studies as an outreach to their friends for well over 10 years, and we even served as witnesses at their church wedding. In addition to their professions as anesthesiologist and pharmacist, they both teach at the med school in Presidente Prudente. We plan to still be an encouragement to them, as they are to us, even at such a great distance.

FAMILY

The biggest family news is the birth of Caleb Lukumo on March 30 to our daughter Karen and her husband Rick Love, who work as missionaries in Zambia, Africa. Caleb (Lukumo means Honor in the Kiikaonde language) is number 4 after Matthew, Lydia & Emily. We are so thankful he arrived safely.

Pamela will have to undergo another sinus operation on May 25. She has had sinusitis for 17 months now, even after surgery last October, and this pesky infection just will not go away. If left untreated it will eventually spread to her eye, so surgery is imperative.



Our grandchildren Christmas 2010

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Edmundo, Ana, Guilherme & Mariana now in Brazil



Michel & Rose Ravaux in the Jura region of France

FRIENDS

Early this year, supporters **Lyle HENDRIX** and **Jim & Terri HAMBRICK** from Memphis made a special one-day trip from Paris just to see us. Visits like that are always encouraging.

David & Céline LIMB (and baby Neela) also came from Paris to spend a weekend with us. They hold the record for the number of times they have attended our marriage seminar (4).

Frédéric COGNARD, his 2 sons and his mother, who live north of Paris, stopped over for a meal on their way to the mountains. We missed Alisa, Frédéric's wife, who was unable to come this time.

Doyle & Barbara KEE spent 2 nights here. Barbara and Pamela had a nice long visit while Doyle and I made the day-trip to Pau. It is always a treat having the Kees in our home and, since Doyle loves ice cream so much, I even made him some homemade ice cream.



Christophe's baptism down by the river in Pau, southern France



PLEASE PRAY:

- That you and we alike will boldly share the good news of Jesus Christ with people around us.
- That marriages will be strengthened and that God will be glorified through our seminars.
- That the Spirit will fortify Christophe as a young Christian who feels alone in his faith.
- That Christophe's wife will also want to give her life to the Lord.
- For Edmundo & Ana and their new life in Brazil.
- For healing for Pamela.
- For our preparations to go to Oklahoma Christian University next school year.

We hope you have a blessed Easter weekend in pondering the eternal hope given us by the resurrection of Jesus.