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## **LYON NEWS**

**Church teenagers:** We had 3 teens over to spend the night, and we took them on a 2-hour hike in the mountains not far from us. We take every opportunity we can to influence and encourage young people to follow the Lord.

*Annie GIMENEZ* was a close friend & neighbor who died of multiple sclerosis in 2005. Pamela has become a mother figure to Annie's daughter *Sophie*, 30 years old. Now Sophie is suffering from MS, and she has just been diagnosed with tuberculosis as well. Sophie has a budding faith in God and wants to learn more, but naturally she is very discouraged by her health issues. We have given her a Bible, and Pamela often has spiritual discussions with her. We beseech your prayers for Sophie.



Sophie & her husband Philippe

## **BEYOND LYON**

### **JURA REGION IN FRANCE**

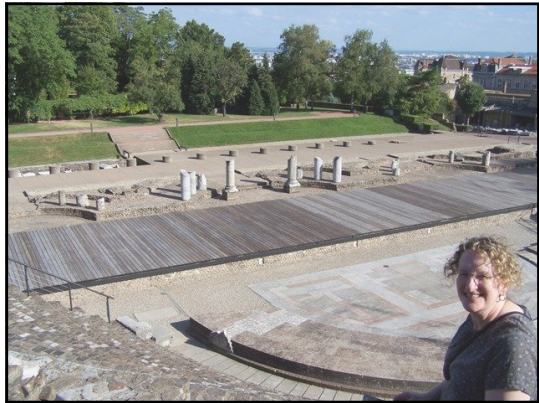
We were able to make the 3-hour drive to see *Michel & Rose RAVAUX*, who used to live in Lyon. They are in their 70's, and Rose's health is such that she cannot travel much. We try to visit them occasionally since they live over 2 hours from the closest Church of Christ (in Geneva).

### **LIEGE, BELGIUM**

We spent a weekend encouraging the group of Christians meeting in the home of *Pierre & Mary PAQUET*. Their local congregation, because of some men who took over the leadership, began teaching Jehovah's Witness doctrine about Jesus Christ and also changed the name of the church. Besides letters from the Lyon congregation and others, I wrote a personal letter to each member begging them to reconsider. Please pray for those faithful to Jesus and for those who have been led astray. Pray that these latter will come to understanding and have the courage to stand up to the false teachers.

## **VISITORS**

*Judy KIMMEL* from Memphis came for a 10-day vacation with us. We got to know Judy since she is on the missions committee of one of our supporting churches, and now we have developed a close friendship. We enjoyed her time here and look forward to seeing her again.



*John Mark & Jamie WILLITS* and their 2 children spent the night before I drove them to Albertville, where they are studying French before moving as missionaries to French-speaking Africa. John Mark is the son of Brad WILLITS, former missionary to Italy now doing Bible translation in Guinea, West Africa.

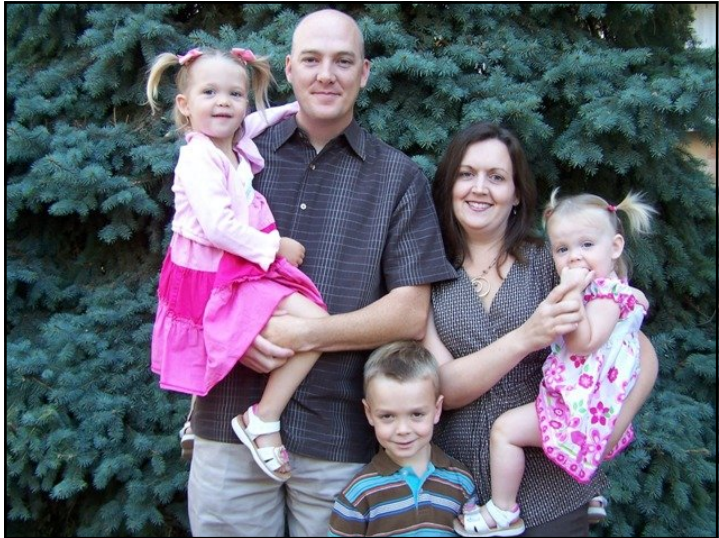
*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus)*





PLEASE PRAY:

- For our church youth, that they will develop a personal relationship with God
- For Sophie's health and her search for God
- For Michel & Rose Ravaux, who are very isolated
- For the Christians in Liège, Belgium
- For our family so far away



Timothy, Jana, Tristan, Judy & Melody Johnston

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PERSONAL NEWS

Our summer highlight was the visit of our daughter Jana and her family for 3 weeks in July. Timothy was a great blessing in helping me trim our high hedge, and of course we thoroughly enjoyed 3 of our 6 grandchildren (ages 5, 3 & 1). We relished our fresh garden produce, and the kids especially liked helping me pick strawberries, raspberries, blackberries & tomatoes.

Thanks to Jana s visit, Pamela & I took the opportunity to invite several of her old friends over, notably Tia White BRAUER and Elodie Couesnon CARBONNIER together with their families. We got to take Jana s family to church in Geneva one Sunday. We also went to a flea market, took a nature hike and visited a snail farm.



Tomato delights in Papy's garden



Melody, Mamie and Nikki the dog



Pregnant Elodie and very pregnant Tia



Where else but France would have snail farms to visit?