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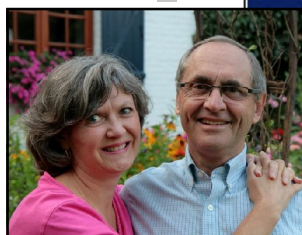
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FRIENDS

In August we had a 4-day visit with close friends **Alex & Elise COUPAN** and daughter **Dina DORIN**, first in the mountains near Grenoble, then in our home. I did Dina's wedding in Guadeloupe in 2010, and now she & **Yannick** are expecting their first baby.

Another weekend, **David & Celine LIMB** and their 2 little girls (**Neela & Jade**) came down from Paris. It was very special because they are like our honorary children and also because, to celebrate their fifth anniversary, they wanted to renew their vows with us. David & Celine hold the record for attending our marriage seminar (4 times).

We had a very busy summer. Besides having a lot of out-of-town company, in August we had the church over for another potluck. That is especially enjoyable when we can be outdoors in nice weather.

We also hosted 3 of our teens, **Pierrick, Constance & Kerwin**, for a couple of days. We took them on an outing in the mountains where we visited a museum and hiked.

Laura ASIMENG arrived from Ghana to study international business in Lyon, and she is adapting well into the life of the church. It is always a boost to our little church to have young people come our way who live their faith with zeal.

This summer Pamela and I both prepared classes to teach at church. She is teaching the ladies' class on Jehovah Shalom (the Lord of Peace). I am teaching a series on the Gospel of Mark and encouraging our members to invite their non-believing friends to join us in examining the life of Christ.

In a 2011 survey by Reader's Digest, France ranked lowest worldwide in considering their religious beliefs important in defining their national identity. In fact the average French Catholic does not consider his faith to have any impact on his day-to-day life; it is simply part of his heritage. That is why we want to introduce people to God's Word and especially the Gospels so they can get to know Jesus. What a life-changing experience once we look to Him!

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Pray for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the Word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ and make it clear in the way we ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. (Colossians 4)

FAMILY

The highlight of our summer was the visit of our daughter's family from Texas: Timothy, Jana, Tristan, Judy & Melody JOHNSTON. Those grandkids are 8, 6 & 4 years old, such fun ages. They were in Europe for a month and it was great to have enough time to spoil them and be spoiled. Besides playing outside in our yard, we went to a flea market, toured a castle, saw a potter at work, visited a walnut farm & cheese factory, swam at a mountain waterfall, and best of all were our hikes in the Alps.



Note from Pamela: The children of our children give us the privilege of rediscovering our inner childlike soul. Nothing like getting down on all fours to examine a bug in the grass and being transported way back to a moment I have already experienced, hence erasing time. Through our grandchildren, I sometimes feel like I am rediscovering the universe. We also enjoyed many good meals together, which brought this quote to mind: Couples, families, individuals establish their own idiosyncratic eating traditions, and one can consider a household to be a small culinary culture. (Ann Finnerty) The best cook seems to be nostalgia herself!

We were blessed with beautiful weather this summer, highs most often in the 80s & sometimes 90s. I enjoyed working outside a lot, and the vegetables were bountiful. Pamela made at least 18 quarts of jams & jellies: strawberry, apricot, raspberry, blackberry & apple.

Pamela has had a sinus infection & bad headaches for almost 3 years now. She has had 2 surgeries, taken all kinds of antibiotics & other traditional medicines, herbal treatments, homeopathic medicines, allergy testing, acupuncture, several essential oils, different kinds of massage. The next step will be a 3-week treatment in a thermal center specializing in upper respiratory ailments, hopefully in November.

BELGIUM

We spent 3 wonderful days with the church in Liege, Belgium, where I taught one Sunday. It was a serendipity that *Pierre & Mary PAQUET's* daughters *Rose & Suzanne* were also visiting while we were there. What a joy too to meet baby *Josia BAFFOUR*. I helped perform *Rey & Lia's* wedding last summer, and Suzanne's the summer before.



PLEASE PRAY:

- That many will attend our studies of the Gospel of Mark and be touched by Jesus
- Thanksgiving for your long-term commitment to French missions
- Thanks for our 37 years of ministry based in Lyon
- Thanksgiving for a yard and garden that we can share
- Praise for all the ways God has provided for us
- Praise for the younger generations that keep us young
- That Pamela's sinus infection will be healed



Hike with church teens