

# HENDRIX NEWSLETTER—LYON, FRANCE

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## FRIENDS

Our dear friends and two of our longest supporters, **Kerbe & Delores LEE** from Columbia, TN, finally came to visit us. Pamela & I were especially glad to be able to reciprocate after all they have done for us. I feel especially close to them since I performed their wedding ceremony 40+ years ago.

There's no place like home, and we were very happy to get back on May 11. A church friend stayed in our house the 9 months we were gone, and we are very thankful she took good care of our house & yard. I have enjoyed working outside again, and so far Pamela has made 16 quarts of strawberry, apricot, raspberry & blackberry jams.

Since our return to France, we have visited with most of our friends and contacts, and we have had most of them in our home by now. We have also been able to get together individually with most of our church members.

Fellowship is important and the weather cooperated to have the church over to our house twice so far this summer. In May it was just for refreshments, and in July we had 30 people here for potluck. It was a beautiful day and folks stayed until after 6 PM - a full afternoon of eating & sharing & playing.

France has a nationwide Neighbors' Day. This year we hosted the neighbors in our little subdivision in order to get to know them better. It went well and we plan to do it again next year.

Each year **Robert McCREADY**, French professor at Harding University, brings a group to Europe. This summer they spent 6 weeks helping churches in 6 cities. They are always an encouragement, and it is great to have students exposed to mission work.



## FAMILY

*This year Pamela's mammograms were still spick and span. It has been 5 years since they discovered her breast cancer. So far so good!*

*Note from Pamela: Illness sometimes reveals strength you don't know you had, because it forces you to rely more on God and his strength. It can also teach you to recognize what is really important and at the same time appreciate the little pleasures God gives you each & every day. Even so, no matter what face cream I apply at night, I still look like a 57-year-old woman in the morning! It's easy to start feeling bad about yourself when you are bombarded by images of youth. I like what Carol Matthau said: "There is no old age. This is, as there always was, just you."*

*We are blessed to have our daughter Jana, her husband Timothy and 3 of our grandchildren visiting us for 4 weeks this summer. More about that in our next newsletter!*



### PLEASE PRAY:

- **Thanksgiving for those who have been faithful to pray for us, encourage us and support us financially**
- **Praise for the Harding group that comes every year to French-speaking Europe**
- **That more young people will decide to work full-time in the Lord's service**
- **Praise for all the ways God has provided for us**
- **Thanksgiving for a yard and garden that we can share**
- **For our church members and contacts as we all try to look more & more to God**
- **For perseverance in holding up Jesus as the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs**

## CENTRAL FRANCE

Five days after our return to France, we left for the annual retreat for French-speaking Christians from Switzerland, Belgium & France. The 4-day meeting was held at a Christian camp in the mountains. This year we had 102 participants. It was great to see so many old friends. I was particularly happy to see *Christophe* whom I baptized last year in southern France, and to know that, even isolated as he is in his faith, he is staying faithful to God.

The lessons on "Being a Disciple of Jesus" were thought-provoking and life-changing. Here is a quote from one of the studies: "We are not fulfilling our role as ambassadors if we live as if we are at home, instead of living as foreigners in a foreign land." As Americans living in France, that is one concept easy for us to understand! "An ambassador is an expert in reconciliation. As ambassadors of Christ, we should no longer view others as we see them, but as souls needing reconciliation with God."

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5)*

## EASTERN FRANCE

Every summer we go to visit & worship with *Michel & Rose RAVAUX*, who live in the remote Jura region, 3 hours from us. They are elderly and no longer able to travel to worship. We consider it part of our ministry to encourage isolated Christians and help with evangelism in their area if possible.

## GENEVA

We also made a trip to Geneva, 90 minutes away, which is the closest Church of Christ to Lyon. It was a blessing to worship with them and have time to visit several dear friends. One of them was *Florenzia MOEBIUS*, who used to be our neighbor. Not only did our families become close friends, but we had also enjoyed studying the Bible together. Last year her husband Gerald died of cancer, and this summer it was precious seeing Florenzia again.