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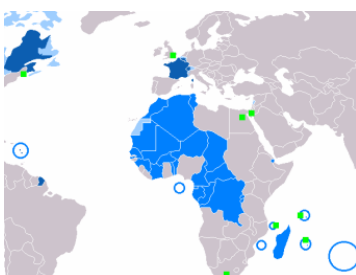
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LYON

We moved last month but we just changed houses in the same town. Our last newsletter explained the emotions and God's hand in it all. We have learned that we are actually in charge of very little and God is clearly saying, "You're going to have to trust me with the big things."



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A global outreach to the
French-speaking world

FAMILY

In July **Jana, Timothy and kids** arrived for a month-long visit. They overlapped with our son **Nathan** who came from Seoul for 2 weeks. Their trip was a final farewell to their childhood home. Timothy was especially helpful in preparation for our move.



Trees certainly did grow tall in 36 years

If you'd like to see the evolution of our old house over 36 years:

www.dropbox.com/sh/hkvukxog33qelw1/AABvDx9JshCQGyd_TeKBBI8Oa?dl=0

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"I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles."

(Psalm 34)



Grandkids will miss swing set most
Along with sand & sandcastles



We'll miss dining under kiwi vines
And a shady yard for croquet



Our new house from where gate will be (May 2016)



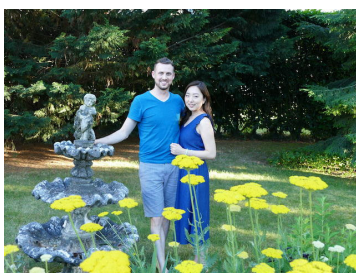
Not any shade yet (July 2016)



Family ping-pong tournament
Typical AM at Papy & Mamie's



While Nathan was here, we also got to meet and host his special friend **Minji**. She had just completed 2 Master's degrees in Brussels, and we were delighted that she spent her short break with us before returning to Korea.



Nathan's been in Korea 8 years,
maybe he'll stay



Beautiful view of fields & mountains

In June a group from Harding University came to Lyon. Each year **Robert and Silva McCREADY** bring French students to help churches in French-speaking Europe. They were a big blessing and it's a wonderful way to help us reach out to others.

People sometimes ask me what exactly I do or what my weekly schedule is like. Well, in a small church like ours, I wear many different hats. On any given day I may clean the church building, do repairs at church camp, visit someone in the hospital, do some counseling, make phone calls, grade a Bible correspondence course, study for my next lesson, pray & meditate. It's all good.

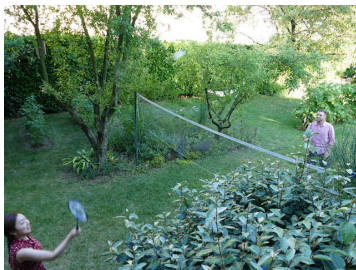
In France everything slows down in July and August, so there's no special church news to report over the summer. It was a perfect time for us to move!

BEYOND LYON

Switzerland: One advantage of getting older is our experience in presenting marriage seminars and working with couples in distress. We were asked by someone to travel at their expense to counsel a couple in a difficult situation. We hope and pray we



Minji & Nathan both enjoy cooking
Evening badminton



Studies show that we're more likely to feel close to a family member who expresses affection. Lately Pamela & I have been blessed to be able to demonstrate our love to our family in several different ways. We like this quote by Thérèse from Lisieux, "It isn't enough to love; we must prove it."

In May Pamela flew to Oklahoma to spend 2 weeks with her mother, **Lois WHITESELL**. While there our daughter **Jana and her 3 children** made the 3-hour drive to visit them. Pamela tries to visit her 91-year-old mother twice a year.

In June Pamela's cousin **Chip MOORE** and his wife **Sharyn** from California came for a great visit. We think a lot alike, and we always enjoy one another's company.

FRIENDS

This spring Pamela's

were of help.

Central France: The family retreat for European French-speaking churches is always a blessing. This year 115 of us gathered at our Bible camp located in the mountains. Great for recharging our batteries!

Marseille, France: It was wonderful to take a break just prior to our move to attend the July 30 wedding of **Rob PRESTHUS & Emilie YOUNG**. As one person said, they "are a great and talented couple dedicated to serving the Lord and his church in France".

SECULARISM, CHRISTIANITY or ATHEISM

We liked this article by Max Dauner in Marseille and thought you might too:

"For at least the past three generations, the greatest overall obstacle to the evangelization of Europe has been an aggressive policy of secularization in all segments of public culture. The French version of this culture evincing of God and religion from all public life is called laïcité. It has succeeded beyond the wildest expectations of its founders, churning out millions of happy little atheistic materialist programmed to keep social and economic machines running without being distracted by such annoying thoughts as meaning, purpose or destiny.

*"The result has been achieved not by systematically refuting the tenets of theistic (in our case, Christian) belief in the schools and in the media, but by making people **think** that belief in God and in the Gospel was decisively refuted long ago and no longer needs to be the object of any serious consideration. In other words, victory by propaganda and ideological manipulation.*

longtime friend **Mary Beth PETR** from Kansas came for a brief but blessed visit.

Every summer the **WOOTON** family from Massachusetts joins our Lyon church family. **Karine** is French, and her family lives near Lyon; she and **Tom** met while teaching in Istanbul. They now have 2 children and it was special to have them as our last guests in our old home.

Prayers

- Praise for God orchestrating our move
- Gratitude for those who helped with our move financially
- That God's love will spread out from our new home
- May we imitate Christ in serving others
- Thanksgiving for Pamela's mother's good health
- Supplications for family & friends in need
- Greater appreciation of the hope of our heavenly home

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"There is only one catch. The immaculate secular State that the West has so naively sought cannot last. Most people, especially the younger generations, imagine that our secular society will continue uninterrupted down the road of scientific and technological progress until we reach the galactic civilization of Star Wars. In reality, secularism is dying. State atheism is a self-destructive system and provides no solid foundation for durable civilization. In time – fifty years, a hundred years, who knows? – this hollow foundation will collapse and be replaced by a religious thought system.

"In Western Europe, and especially in France, that religious thought system could well be Islam. How much time before the secular states of Western Europe begin to make important concessions to the rising Muslim populations? How much time after that will they become virtually Islamic states? This is a distinct possibility... if Europeans insist on pursuing the impossible dream of an immaculate secular State purified of all religion. One day European youth will wake up and realize that state atheism does not work. When that day comes, they will have to choose: either complete the transition to Islam, or reverse the present trend and return to their Christian roots.

"In either case, the road before the people of Christ will be hard. Any attempt to come back to Christianity will be met with a firm and determined opposition from the secular institutions already in place or from the rising Muslim populations who see the conquest of Europe finally within their reach.

"It is not us, but our children and grandchildren who can hope to inherit a return to Christianity. Knowing that, our mission is to instill indelibly in their collective and individual souls our Christian faith and our Christian culture. We need to leave them a solid cultural platform on which they can build when their day comes...

"In any case, when the atheistic project of modernity ends up breathing its last (and that day will come), we will need to have laid a solid spiritual and cultural foundation in order to rebuild Christian civilization. The call I'm making is a call to patience and courage. Patience because the days of secularism are numbered; our wait will not be eternal. Courage because survival of our faith will demand that we resist, for some time yet, the militant social forces of secularism."

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