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FAMILY & FRIENDS

We and our children are scattered across 4 continents. **Jana** & Timothy & their 3 children are near Dallas. **Daniel** is in St. Louis. **Karen** & Rick & their 3 children are in Zambia. **Nathan** is in South Korea. We consider ourselves well situated here in Europe, in the middle of them all.

It is not often we get to see our family. This year we were alone for the holidays, so we spent 2 days with **Doyle & Barbara KEE** in Geneva. Also our church members **Christophe & Verline VAROQUIER** invited us over for Christmas dinner.

We are blessed to have so many visitors in our home. **Brady & Stephanie SMITH**, missionaries in Lausanne, Switzerland, spent a night with us after a nearby marathon.

Thanksgiving weekend, 2 Pepperdine students visited us: **Emily BRANCH** from N. Carolina & **Grant CORNERO** from New Jersey. They are friends of **Doug & Liz WILLIAMS**, who are teaching here this year. Since their Lyon apartment is small, we invited all 4 to stay at our house.

Claude & Marie-Chantal ARNELL from Paris came to spend 4 days of their Christmas vacation with us. We have come to know them well because of the added delight of them being Guadeloupeans.

In January **Emily & Grant** came to spend another night with us when their train stranded them in Lyon on another of their European tours.

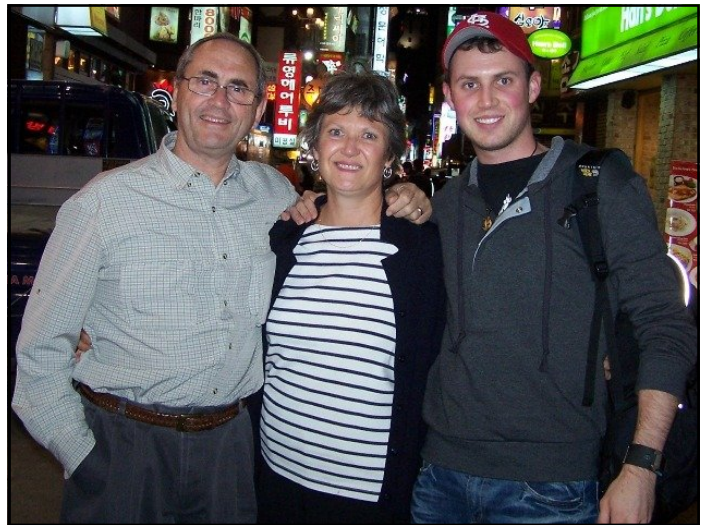


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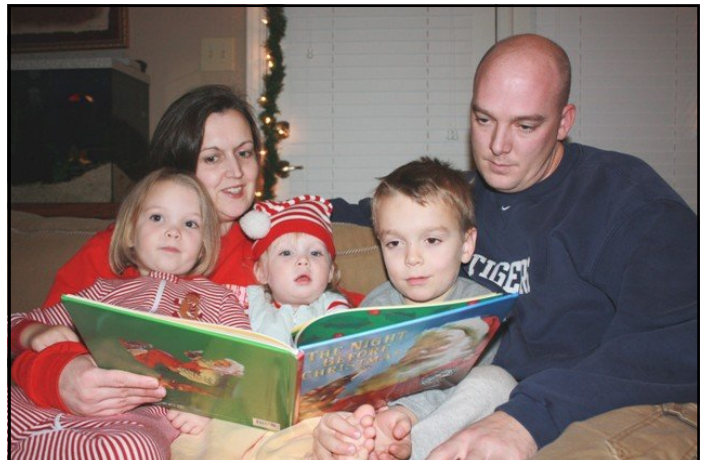
Baptism: Recently we were disappointed about not having any visitors come for our Visitors' Day at church. But great was our rejoicing soon after, when I had the privilege of baptizing **Eric BELL**. He is the husband of **Alphonsine**, whom I baptized in September. It is so nice to see this couple united in Christ and raising their daughter Sophie in the Lord. They are expecting their second child for June.


Local tradition: On a cultural note, the Festival of Lights in December is Lyon's most celebrated event. In 1643 as the plague ravaged the country, officials vowed to pay tribute to the Virgin Mary if the city was spared. December 8 marks the date that Lyon was consecrated to Mary for having stopped the epidemic at the foot of Mount Fourvière. Now four million visitors come every year to stroll and admire the city's 80 outdoor light shows.

Leaders' retreat: The annual retreat for church leaders was held near Lyon. The theme was what we can do together to help God's kingdom grow. There were 30 participants from France, Belgium & Switzerland. The Geneva Church of Christ was in charge of the program and Lyon in charge of the housing.



Arlin & Pamela with Nathan / Timothy, Jana, Tristan, Judy, Melody





PLEASE PRAY:

- **That Eric & Alphonsine will persevere in the Lord**
- **That Yannick & his fiancée Dina will continue growing spiritually**
- **That God will bless our upcoming marriage seminar here in Lyon and that all glory will be His**
- **Thanksgiving for Robert & Monique's wedding**
- **Praise to God for all the Christians who have touched our lives. May we pass it on.**

We proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom so that we may present everyone spiritually mature in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. (Colossians 1:28-29)

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BEYOND LYON

GENEVA

At least once a year I am invited to preach in Geneva, and I did so once again in December. That also gives us an opportunity to see so many people we know. (Pamela & I both worked there when we first came to Europe over 30 years ago.)

MARSEILLE

We want to give honor to *Denise HEROUX*, who needed to return to the States this fall after 11 years of service with the Marseille Church of Christ. Denise seemed indispensable to the children’s camp & church retreats, and we will really miss her. MERCI Denise, what a blessing you were to us all.

GUADELOUPE (Caribbean)

Wedding: I got to make a quick trip to participate in *Monique LANOIX*’s wedding. Monique is the widow of *Max Lanoix*; after being converted in Lyon, they started a congregation in Guadeloupe in 1984. Monique & her new husband *Robert DAGENAIS* from Quebec will settle in Guadeloupe once he retires.



Baptism: While there, I also got to baptize *Yannick DORIN*. He has been attending church services for several years, and I have been studying with Yannick by mail. It was moving to see the church practically explode with joy at the news of his baptism.

MADAGASCAR (Indian Ocean)

Our hearts were saddened by the sudden death of *John RATOVOHERY*. Being a diplomat, John and his wife *Esther* served in churches in Geneva, Paris and the U.S. At retirement they founded an orphanage in Madagascar. Several Christians in Lyon support some of those orphans individually.

U.S.

We also want to pay tribute to *S.F. TIMMERMAN*, who passed away in Searcy, Arkansas. He and his wife *Maxine* were among the first missionaries to Europe after World War II. After starting a mission in Belgium, they later continued their full-time ministry in Quebec. S.F. continued preaching until beyond 90, and he was an example to many of us in French-speaking Europe.