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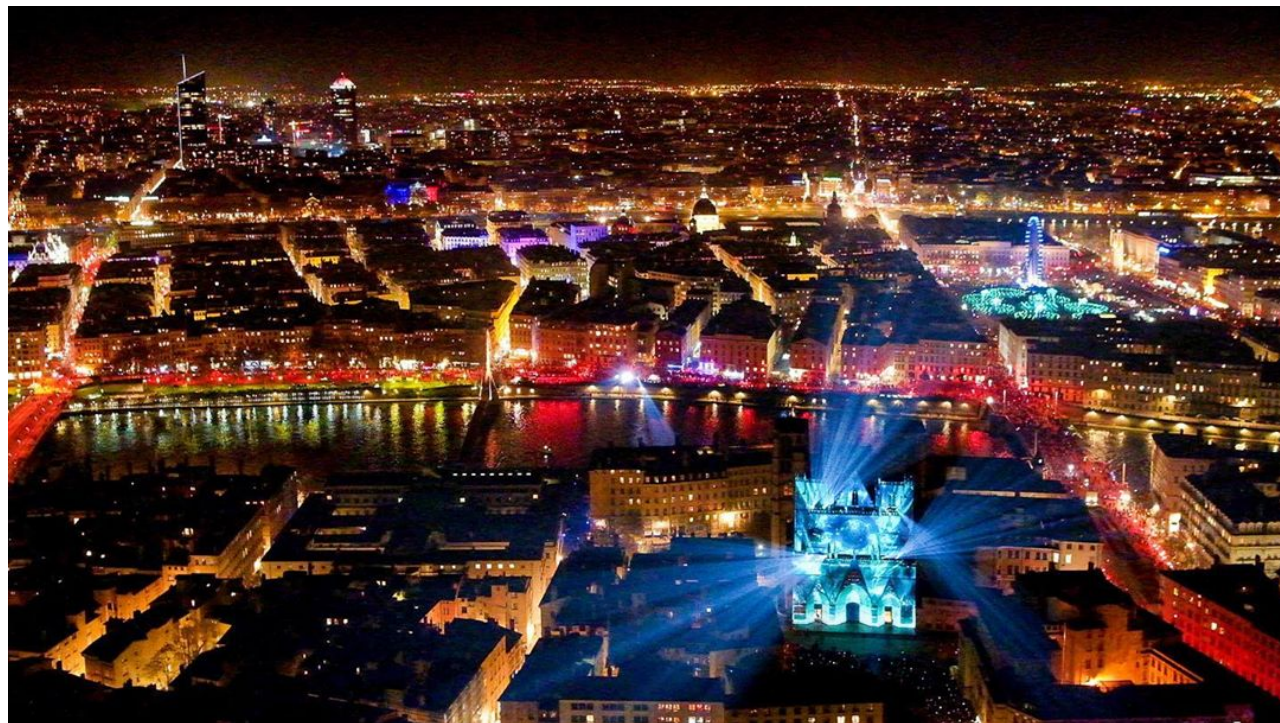
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Spiritual retreats, Christmas trip, an engagement and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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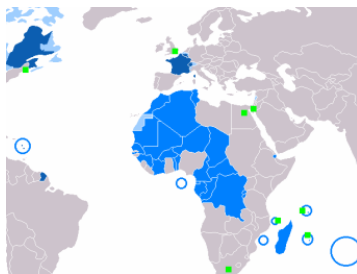


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## LYON and beyond

For the third time in 2019, leaders of the European French-speaking Churches of Christ met in Lyon last month. The first 2 meetings centered on stronger unity within & between congregations. Forty-one were present for this third meeting that was dedicated to **evangelism & better cooperation** to further advance God's kingdom. The Moulin-Vert church in Paris prepared the weekend program, and I organized



Outreach to the French-speaking world

## PERSONAL

Since in 2018 we spent Christmas without family, this time we chose to join them for the holidays. Pamela spent extra time in Oklahoma with her mother, **Lois WHITESELL**. I joined them a week later, and so did Pamela's cousins from California, **Chip & Sharyn MOORE**. Then we went to Texas in time to join our daughter **Jana's family** for a wonderful Christmas together.



the housing. We solicit your prayers for unity and improving our outreach to the lost.



Church leaders' meeting in Lyon and intergenerational round table



"From the 10th to the 12th of January, we had our **annual ladies' retreat**. 63 women from French & Swiss Churches of Christ were present to learn about our gifts. Younger & older ladies (including Pamela) taught and entertained us to make each one of us realize that we are all gifted and that we all have the responsibility to serve in our churches. They reminded us that our goal is not to show others the best of ourselves, nor to gain power in the church or in our family. Instead, we have to be aware of God's desires through a deep relationship with Him and ready to humbly serve Him in our weaknesses. To Him all the Glory!" (Résumé by **Constance**





On Christmas Day, our 35-year-old son **Nathan** called us along with his girlfriend **Ahla**, visiting him from Seoul. (Nathan moved to Seattle in May 2019.) Nathan said he had something to show us, and held up Ahla's hand with a beautiful engagement ring. They are planning 2 wedding ceremonies: 1 in Korea and 1 in the U.S. Thankfully for us, Ahla speaks English fluently since she has spent the last 10 years in the States. She is precious, and we will be happy to welcome a new daughter to our family!

Pamela & I are blessed to have "**adopted children**" scattered all over. Last month we were thrilled to spend time with 4 such families so dear to our heart.

For her 2019 Christmas card, 94-year-old Lois wrote a lovely poem. To us it expresses the essence of **aging gracefully**.

**VAROQUIER**, one of our Lyon young adults)



Pamela's class on spiritual gifts at Lyon ladies' retreat



New technology for our ministries, explained by 1 of our Lyon members





"Seasons Greetings'  
Should cover it all  
From present winter  
Through the next fall

"Now remembering you,  
So special to me,  
Remembering precious times -  
Ah! Remembering is the key!

"But the "wheres" and the  
"whens"  
Oh, it matters not  
That's water under the bridge  
We've probably forgot.

"Whether in the country or city  
My eyes are not clear  
But my needs are all met  
By my loved ones so dear.

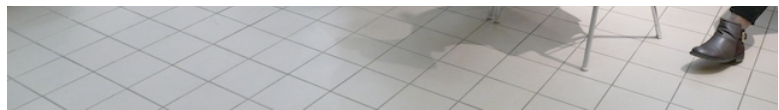
"Now may the good Lord bless  
you  
As we live far apart  
Remember our times together  
I still hold you in my heart."

- Written by Lois Whitesell, 2019

## Prayers

- Continued supplications for God to provide our congregation with a new meeting place
- Petitions for victory over the sin still entangling one of our members
- For the faith journey of several friends who are seeking God
- Wisdom for Pamela & me in sharing God's Word
- Glory to God for the love & unity in the Lyon church
- Prayers for our Nathan & Ahla and their future together
- That my foot will continue to heal correctly

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Lighter evening program at the retreat

December 5-8, Lyon shone with artistry at its annual **Light Festival**. Want to take a peek?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlrA\\_yt3E6g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlrA_yt3E6g)



All winter, big ferris wheel in downtown Lyon

## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

Remembering & missing Doyle Kee; Arlin at young adult weekend; Lyon Church of Christ; Pamela's classes on rejection, procrastination & doing God's will.

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*"A wife of noble character, who  
can find? She is worth far  
more than rubies. Her  
husband has full confidence in  
her and lacks nothing of value.  
She brings him good, not  
harm, all the days of her life...  
Her children arise and call her  
blessed; her husband also,  
and he praises her."  
(Proverbs 31)*



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This song brings us to our knees: "Who Am I?"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBDwpLLXMTA>

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