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BEYOND LYON

FRENCH CARIBBEAN

We are presently on the French-speaking island of Guadeloupe on our annual mission of teaching, evangelizing and edifying. Next month's newsletter will contain a report of this mission trip.

GERMANY

In February we got to attend an intensive week-long retreat in Germany for missionaries all over Europe. We do not get to go every year, but when we do it really fills us up with in-depth teaching. This year the program was presented by professional Christian counselors, advising us on avoiding burn-out in ministry and on conflict management.



Skit with Doyle & Barbara Kee at missionary retreat



LYON NEWS

Seminar: At church **Brady SMITH** from Lausanne, Switzerland, presented 3 excellent studies from Hebrews entitled Faith for Dummies. This was best attended seminar we have had in a while, including 3 first-time visitors. And it was sure nice to see Brady & Stephanie, even if the visit was far too brief.

Evangelization: One part of our outreach is getting the Bible into the hands of the people. Most homes do not have a Bible since the French Catholic Church did not allow people to read the Bible for themselves until 1968. We recently gave Bibles to 2 friends. One is **Mady**, 89 years old, and she was very pleased to have a Bible she could read on her own. The other is **Sophie**, 30 years old, and she said that we were evidently sent by God since she had recently decided she needed to learn more about God. She & Pamela have now started studying the Gospel of Mark.

Encouragement: We invited 4 single women from church (ages 22-26) into our home for a sleepover. In the afternoon they prepared supper (a 4-course French meal), then they watched the movie The Gospel of John. After supper Pamela had a study with **Linda, Ketty, Rachel & Kristi** on the importance of trusting God and why he does not want his children to marry a non-Christian. We think it went well because of our good relationship with them.

Jenny: A Chinese student from Grenoble (90 minutes away) came to spend the weekend and go to church with us. It turned out that Jenny is in deep depression. At church she locked herself into the bathroom for 20 minutes, and we feared for the worst. We enlisted help from one of our members, **Melisa**, who is in the medical field, to take the baton and stay in touch with **Jenny** on a daily basis. Melisa has also gotten Jenny in to see a doctor.

Julian: I have been studying the Bible regularly with **Julian**, a Polish law student. In March, Pamela & I invited a Christian couple from Geneva to spend the weekend with us so Julian could meet them. Adam is also from Poland and a lawyer as well. Julian appreciated his talk with Adam, and we enjoyed Adam & Stephanie's visit.



Julian,
Stéphanie
& Adam

PERSONAL NEWS

We are grandparents for the 6th time thanks to our daughter Karen and her husband Rick Love. Our 2 daughters have been generously supplying us with one grandchild every year since 2004. This is Karen's 3rd baby in 3-1/2 years. Emily Mutende Love was born on March 15 in Zambia, where her parents are working as missionaries. Mutende means peace in the African tribal language. Karen gave birth in a clinic about an hour from their home, and she and Emily are doing well.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For our new sister *Isabelle*, who was baptized in February
- For *Julian*, who is regularly studying the Bible
- For *Mady & Sophie*, who are just starting to study God's Word
- For *Jenny*, that she will get medical help & draw strength from God, and for *Melisa* as she gives support
- For our mission in Guadeloupe until April 29

Epistle to the Galatians, 6:9 -

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

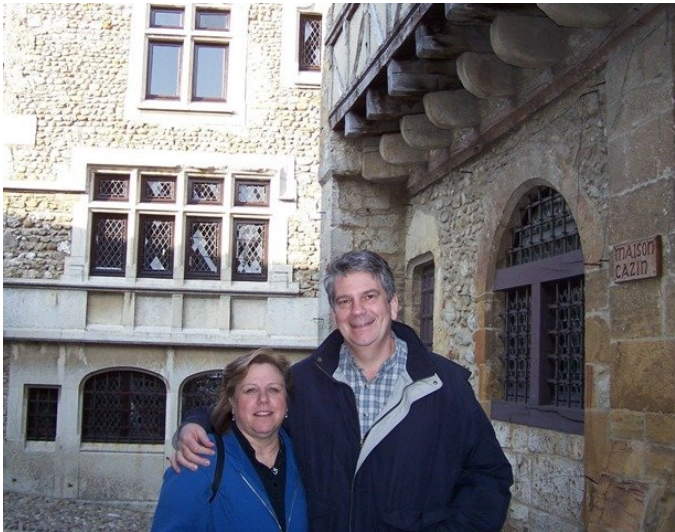
VISITORS

As mentioned on page 1, **Adam & Stephanie JAGUSIEWICZ** drove over from Switzerland for a weekend. They are very active in the Geneva congregation, which is the closest Church of Christ to Lyon (2 hours away). They are expecting their first child.

We enjoyed having **Dennis PRUITT** in our home for a meal. Dennis, currently from St. Louis, worked in France with a couple of congregations in the 1980's and had actually visited in our home. We renewed ties during our furlough and will probably get to see him regularly since his job is to recruit French businesses for the State of Missouri.

We had a really nice visit from Pamela's dear friends from Boston, **Jim & Donna BLOUGH**. After their 6-day stay, now I can claim them as my friends too! Pamela & Donna were roommates in St. Louis 30 years ago. They are a great encouragement to us, and we thank God for their spirit of love, humility and service.

Frederic & Alisa COGNARD and their 2 boys made a quick stopover to eat with us on their way from southern France to their home north of Paris. Alisa is the daughter of our dear friends Dale & Evelyn Lundy in St. Louis.



Jim & Donna Blough in Pérouges



Arlin & Pamela at the city gate of medieval Pérouges

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