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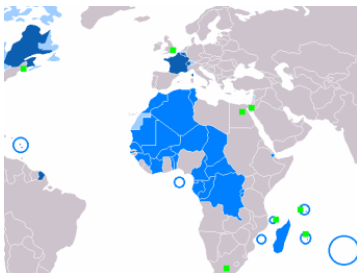
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LYON

We are sorry to report that several of our church members and friends are sick or suffering. One elderly couple at church, *Franck and Mireille*, have had multiple falls, hospitalizations and operations. He is 90 and she 83, so we wonder how long they can continue to live in their apartment. Please pray for them.

The Lyon church seems to be *healthy and continues to carry on* when Pamela & I must be gone. They had a special day together in a member's home the last time we were out of town.

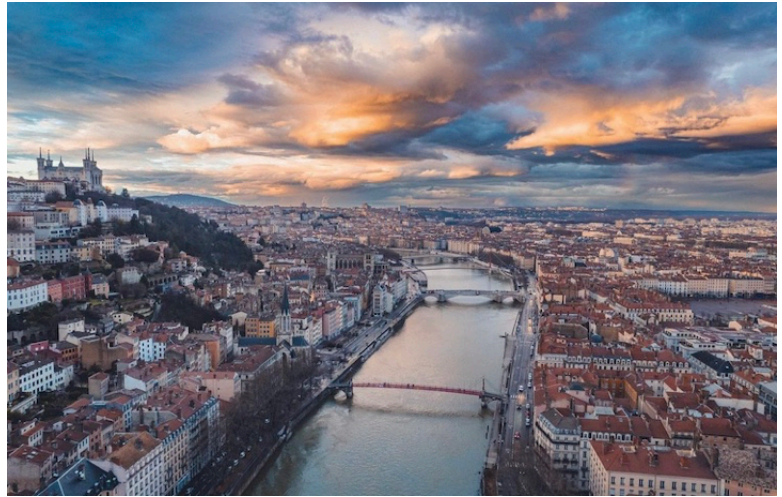


Outreach to the French-speaking world



Façades of Lyon

Also, we are thrilled that two of our young adults taught, in addition to our regular teachers. Everything went well during our last absence, and that's a good sign.



Saône River in Lyon

BEYOND LYON

In March, Pamela and I made a trip 7 hours north to Liège and to Lille. For years one of our ministries has been helping congregations and families *work through conflict*.

Liège (Belgium): Several years ago, the church split because some of the leaders no longer believed in the divinity of Jesus. Since then, Pamela & I have tried to go regularly to teach and encourage the remaining faithful members.

Lille (France): This church also suffered a split, and we are close to persons on both sides. Our time there was to encourage and love on them. In addition, we got to spend a day with the parents of one of our Lyon members.



St. George neighborhood



Sunset, Hôtel Dieu, Rhône River



City hall & Bartholdi fountain

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Sunday in Liège, Belgium

Marseille: The *summer camp* run by the Église du Christ in Marseille is without a doubt one of the world's best! Here's their trailer for the 2024 edition of Colonie Harmonie:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZQgxi-ljhw

Chœur à Cœurs: Here's a favorite song from our favorite virtual chorus, "Voici mon Dieu" with 8000 views on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5to0vgMT30>

In English it's "*Behold Our God*". The a cappella finale is particularly moving!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV8bv4QuDtM>



FAMILY

What a blessing to spend time with family! Our first stop was to see our *new grandson born to*

USA

We had a 7-week furlough to the States March 30 to May 24. Not only was the trip designed to see family that we miss terribly, but also to see supporters (friends and churches) that we had not seen since before Covid. Even though we traveled a total of 15,000 miles by plane and car (7 states and 12 beds), it was disappointing to not be able to see everyone. The blessing was that we were so well received and encouraged by everyone. Praise be to God!

We couldn't help but notice that Americans seem to be as hard hit by *inflation* as we are in France. Potatoes have gone up 31%, butter 14% and sugar 22%, and the cheapest unleaded gas is \$6.78/gallon. It had been 16 months since our last overseas trip because airline fares had risen drastically. Many thanks to the folks who helped us out financially so we could come! And a big MERCI to all you other faithful supporters!

*"Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances, for
this is God's will for
you in Christ
Jesus."*

(1 Thessalonians 5)

PRAYERS

- Continued thanksgiving for our *young generation* at church
- Supplications

Nathan & Ahla. Their first son and our 8th grandchild is a real cutie! We got to Phoenix a month after Sterling was born, and we were happy to go help them out as much as possible.



We also got to spend time with our daughters Jana (in Texas) & Karen (in Tennessee) and their families. Everyone is doing well, and it was so good to see how well those 7 grandchildren are doing. Our oldest one is already 20 years old! We were impressed by the kids' talents, maturity and spirituality.



for *unity* among God's people

- Thankfulness for the *loved ones* we saw during furlough
- Gratitude for the *financial generosity* of those who helped with our trip
- Thankfulness for our new grandson and our 7 other *grandchildren*
- Praise God for his *countless blessings*
- For *Pamela's mother* at age 99



Guest bedroom view in June



Earth bumblebee on cock's head



We then saw Pamela's mother, *Lois WHITESELL*, who lives with Pamela's brother and his wife in Oklahoma. Lois will turn 99 on June 25! It was a good visit, and she is doing very well for her age. It was a sad moment saying goodbye, but she is in the Lord's hands.



French Culture

Did you know that some common questions in American *small talk* is considered rude in much of the world?

"North Americans habitually start a conversation with strangers by asking what they do for a living... In most places in the world, asking a stranger what kind of work he or she does... is



Wild long-horned bee on vetch

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frowned upon... [There are several reasons for this but one is that] to the French, conversations are for exchanging points of view, not finding things in common, the goal of conversation for North Americans...

"The typical French openers that may translate with more ease are things like, "Which part of the country are you from?" ... Relatedly, any questions about geography or the food in a person's hometown or region tend to get people chatting.

"Food also is on [the] list of safe 'tier one' topics, meant for encounters with people you don't know... For strangers, tier one is safest. Other options here include sports (including historical, memorable moments), pop culture, and hobbies... What's not in tier one? Work...

"Second-tier topics are religion, politics, dating, and one's love life. Tier three, for your closest associates, expands to family and finances."

www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/07/one-of-the-most-common-questions-in-american-small-talk-is-considered-rude-in-much-of-the-world/



Our garden in May

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