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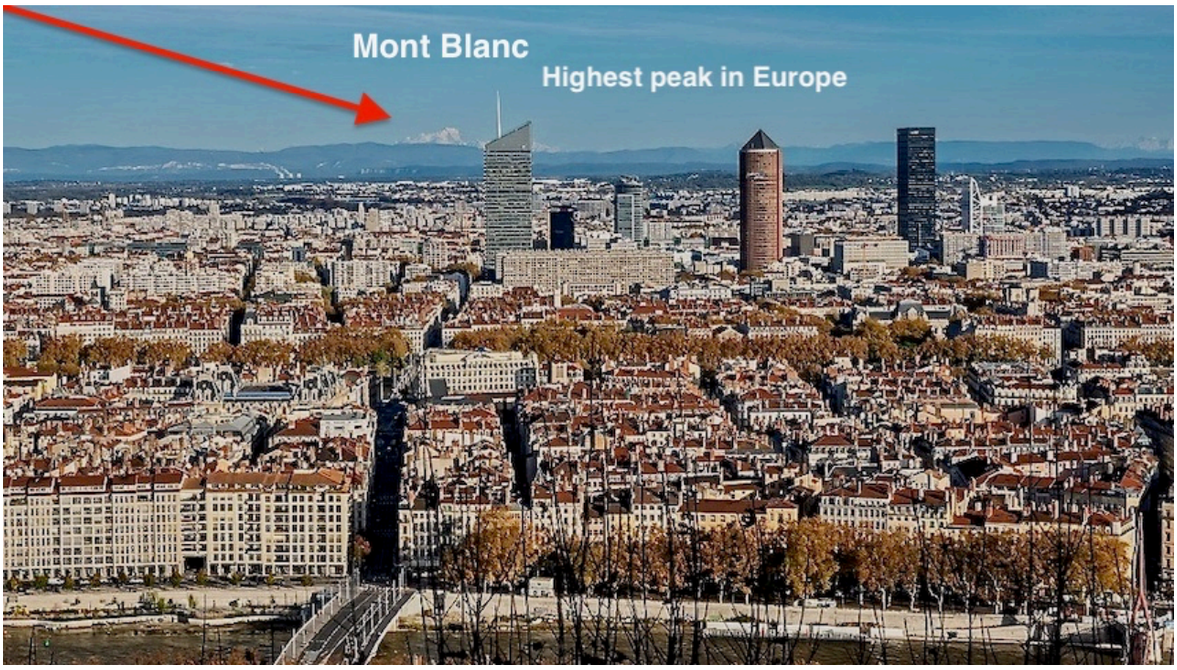

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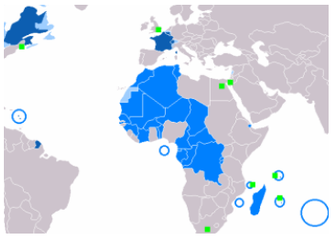
LYON

Recruitment project: The Église du Christ de Lyon is earnestly seeking a **team for full-time ministry**. Our preference is that they speak French and make a 5-year commitment. We need help to spread the Good News in our city of 1.4 million. Opportunities abound with 9 universities and 190,000 students. Over 20,000 of these are international students who could then share the Gospel in their home country! Would you partner with us in prayer for more workers?

Christian Chronicle: I was recently interviewed by this newspaper's editor about the mission in Lyon over the last 50 years.
https://christianchronicle.org/a-lifetime-commitment/
Here's another article from their series about **faith in France**:
https://christianchronicle.org/love-in-many-languages/

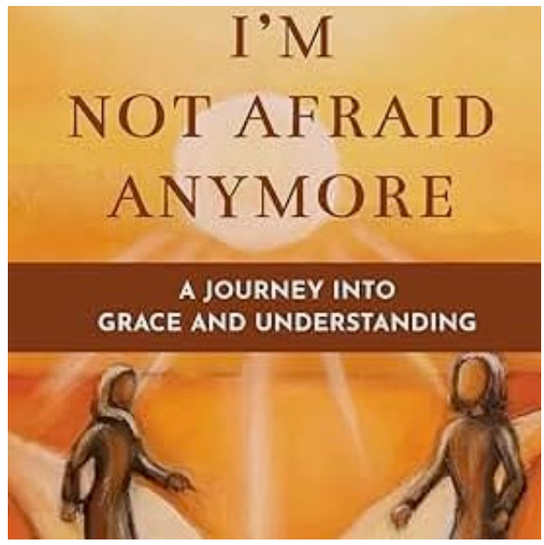


Outreach to the French-speaking world

Near the cathedral, St. George district on the Saône River

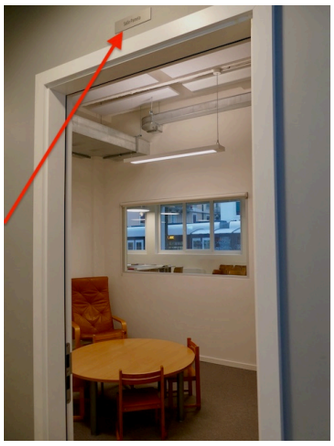
Kings & popes have walked these streets, Pink Tower built in 1550

Refugees: After reading ***I'm Not Afraid Anymore***, written by Stef's mom (see FRIENDS section), Pamela & I felt convicted that we need to do more for refugees. So, on December 21, our church will host a Lyon refugee center for a meal. Several of our members already work with that center. We will also have a time of singing, something we always do after potluck. We want to encourage these "strangers" especially at this time of year when they are far from home and family. Who can YOU reach out to during the holidays?



Building bridges: This summer we met a neighbor (**Marie-Ange**) who as a child knew the RUIZ family in *Spain*. Turns out they come from the same tiny village, and she is related by marriage to our close friend **Camille** from near Geneva. We hosted their joyous reunion, and another cousin also came. What was most remarkable is that 8 people, some of whom had never met, got along famously and spoke even of spiritual matters such as forgiveness.

Other neighbors: We continually have opportunities to serve and get to know those who live around us. Generally, the first step is having them over for coffee and cake. Pamela also takes a meal to those who are suffering, and that is definitely not in French culture. That opens doors for discussion about **what it means to be a Christian**, as opposed to being religious. Most French are agnostic at best, so we try to talk freely about God. You'd be amazed at people's questions.



Geneva classroom
in honor of Pamela

FAMILY

No special family news this time. Pamela's mother (100 years old!) is still living with Pamela's brother Wayne and his wife Kim. However, **they have moved** and the new address is:

Lois WHITESELL, 705 Colony Drive, Edmond, OK 73003 (in case you'd like to drop her a card)

FRIENDS

Originally from Holland, **Stef BARDOEL** worked for 18 months in Grenoble, and he traveled an hour by train to worship with us in Lyon. His job recently took him to Norway, and Stef will be sorely missed by our small church. We sent him off with prayer and the song "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". If you'd like to hear the French version:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIYLZCc6B4M

Bruce & Jen RADL from Boston visited us for 3 days on their way to Switzerland. Pamela & Jen both lived in Geneva 1976-78. Jen first committed her life to Christ there, and she & Pamela have remained fast friends since. It was a blessing for all 4 of us to spend time together and share our blessings & struggles.

These days you hear a lot about **resilience**. Apparently that strength is largely based on quality relationships that nurture mental balance and vitality. **Maintaining good relationships** is a key to resilience. It's no wonder that God put so much emphasis on love one other, bear with each other, open your homes to each another, care for each another, etc.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
(Ephesians 4)

BEYOND LYON

Geneva: Leaders from French-speaking congregations meet once a year for good brainstorming and great fellowship. This year 30 of us met to discuss our projects and share our challenges. I asked the group **to pray about new workers for Lyon, suggest people to form a team and perhaps help with financial support**. We are now asking the same of you!

Church leaders' retreat in Geneva

Chœur à cœurs: Click for our playlist of **Christmas songs** in French:
www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIiT4WlkmRc0zvBLsUF7Qlqt5fZMgbALW

Thanksgiving: Nope, it wasn't a holiday in France. And no, we didn't celebrate because we have no family or American friends here, and it's a regular workday for our French friends. We are thankful for so very much, and we thank God for each one of you! Your **prayers and financial support** help us keep on keeping on.

God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. (Billy Graham)

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and Lyon city center

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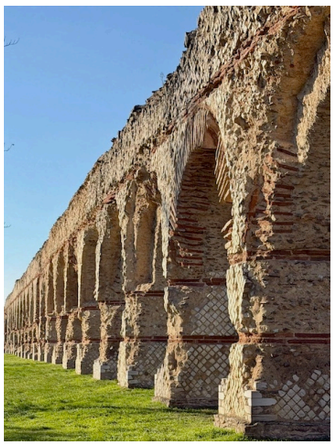

One of 4 Roman aqueducts
to Lyon (53 miles long)

If you ever want to make a contribution,
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Prayers

- Supplications for our church search for **new workers**
- That **Stef** will find a good church family in Norway
- That we may build bridges with **refugees & neighbors**
- For people whom we all encounter who are **seeking God**
- Gratitude for new opportunities to **share our faith**
- We thank God for **our health** so we can keep serving full-time
- Thanksgiving for **your prayers and financial support**

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Sunrise over Lyon, November 2025

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