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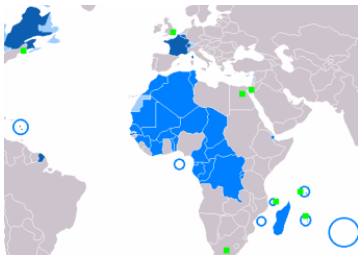
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LYON

Congregational retreat: We had our annual retreat over the long Easter weekend, and this year we were blessed to have it at the Bible camp in the mountains 2.5 hours from here. Almost 70% of our members got to come! The program was planned by two of our young men, **Kerwin JEAN** and **Pierrick VAROQUIER**. It was an encouraging time to relax, pray, sing and share.





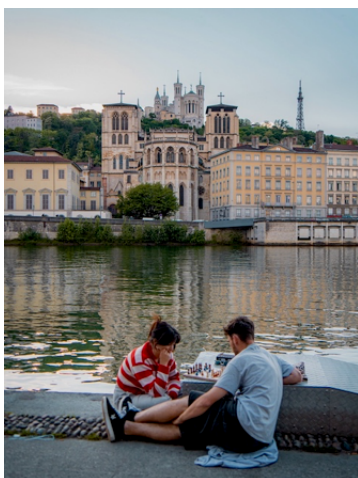
Outreach to the French-speaking world



Church camp in central France



Rhône River bank in Lyon



Saône River, cathedral, basilica



Pierrick and Kerwin organised a great program

The younger set stayed up late



During the retreat the church leaders presented their dream to **recruit more workers**. Pamela and I have been the only full-time workers for the last 9 years, and someday we will probably retire. The members unanimously adopted the project. We are all praying and fasting about that, as well as our project for a larger meeting place.



Lyon Church of Christ retreat

Hope of heaven: Even when you know it's coming, it still saddens you when it happens. One of our elderly members, **Mireille PITTALUGA**, passed away and I did her eulogy. The funeral director was so impressed by our church's a cappella singing that he did a video clip of us singing Magnificat.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/i3F7U71ux5w>

Circle of life: David & Clotilde MASIERO, one of the church couples who just moved away, have had their first baby, **Elise**. We thank God that they are doing well, and we pray for their transition into the Geneva church.

Here's an **article about Lyon** in the New York Times last October:

www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/10/31/travel/things-to-do-lyon-france.html



Tête-à-tête, Place des Jacobins



Lyon shopping galleries



Retreat fellowship & play time



BEYOND LYON

Central France: Almost 150 attended our annual 3-day **family retreat**. The program was designed to help us learn how to better share our faith with unbelievers. Excellent lessons were given by **David KEE & Justin SMITH**, and we all came away better equipped.



Christians from France & Switzerland

Boy, did we sing this year!



Chœur à cœurs: After that retreat, 43 chorus members stayed an extra day to record 11 new songs. Pamela was the oldest choral participant, and she was extremely blessed by the experience. First was the 6-hour recording session for the audio part, followed by the video recording. **Emilie PRESTHUS** will do the mixing, and she hopes to have 5 of the songs posted before September. Stay tuned!





Mountain wildflowers at camp



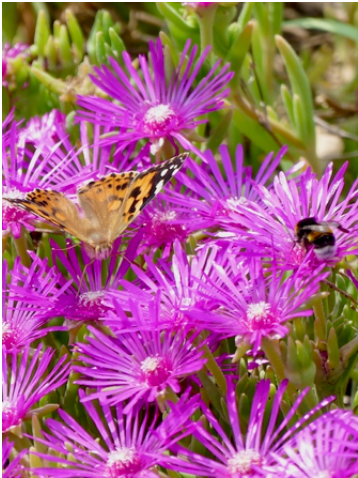
Meadow in front of our house



Our peonies and roses, May 2025



This year we watched 8 baby blue titmice take flight



Chorus director Emilie expecting their second baby



One of 11 video recordings

While waiting for the 11 new songs, here are **49 other songs** by our a cappella chorus:
www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiIT4WlkmRc0BWDp_tcuVtlvFB_Gk72e9

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Pamela’s mother turns 100 on June 25! If you’d like to send her a card:
Lois WHITESELL
4004 Chamberlyne Way
Norman, OK 73072

Pamela’s cousin, **Chip MOORE**, and his wife **Sharyn** came to visit from California. We drove to Barcelona to pick them up and brought them back to Lyon for a several-day visit that was not long enough.

David & Clotilde MASIERO spent a night with us before moving the next day. We are particularly close since Clotilde lived with us for 3 months before marrying David.

Our guest speaker at church this spring was **Dan-Ray VOLTAIRE** from Paris. He and his fiancée **Maëva MASIERO** spent the weekend with us.

Stef BARDOEL is from Holland but is currently working in Grenoble. He makes the one-hour trip to Lyon nearly every Sunday to worship with us. His mother, **Anna-Maria**, came to visit him, so after worship we had them over for a meal.

Prayers

- Gratitude for the enthusiasm of our **congregational retreat**
- Supplications for our church search for **new full-time workers**
- Prayers for **Franck PITTALUGA**, who lost his wife of over 60 years
- Gratefulness for **new life and the upcoming generations**

Bumblebee & painted lady, the world's most common butterfly

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*"Let the morning
bring me word of
your unfailing love,
for I have put my
trust in you. Show
me the way I
should go, for to
you I entrust my
life." (Psalm 143)*



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- Thanksgiving for the **spirit of unity** at the interchurch rereat
- Praise God for the chorus **Chœur à cœurs**
- We thank God for **our good health**, allowing us to continue serving full-time

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