

Happy Thanksgiving!
“We should certainly count our blessings,
but we should also make our blessings count.”
(Neal Maxwell)
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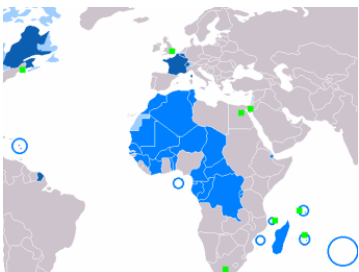
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LYON

A new brother: A young man who lives next door to our church meeting place dropped in one day for worship. **Mickaël** was wanting to know more about God and how to become closer to him, so for several weeks he and I studied God’s Word. Mickaël responded positively to Jesus’ invitation!





Cellos, Rue Juiverie in Old Lyon



Bike and Lyon university

FAMILY
70 years young: The church surprised Pamela with a **big birthday bash!** She was so spoiled and honored. Thirty members of our spiritual family gathered to celebrate with a 5-course feast, gifts, a slide show and a guessing game about Pamela's life, singing and fellowship. The day was one of the best days of her life and I was so happy for her. It was like a foretaste of heaven.



Surprise!



New church meeting place: I must confess that the Lyon church has **not persevered** in fasting and prayer in our search for larger facilities to rent. I have repented and we are renewing our efforts with renewed zeal and supplications. It is true that Lyon real estate is sky high (\$470 per square foot for resale property), but do I believe in miracles or not?

Cars down, bikes up: Car traffic in Lyon has decreased 14% since 2019 and bicycle transportation increased by 14% during that same period. (*Met'* magazine, 3/24) The city even provides **free reconditioned bikes** for students and anyone under 25 years old. That's good news, but it translates as being practically impossible to get around in Lyon by car. That holds true for all big European cities.

BEYOND LYON

Switzerland: Pamela and I were blessed by the annual **church leaders' conference** in Geneva. Blissful harmony, encouraging discussions and blessed time devoted to prayer. Also, since we had lived there for 2 years, it was great to see longtime friends. They were very excited about showing us around their church's new state-of-the-art 3-story building. We were flabbergasted when we saw one of their classrooms named after Pamela.

After years of prayer, God opened doors for a **new building for the Geneva church**. Their attendance has increased from about 40 to over 100, many of whom are seeking God. Now they can better minister to refugees. In addition, they rent part of their facilities to other tax-free organizations, which helps the church financially and makes the church more visible to the public. What a blessing, immeasurably more than we could have asked or imagined!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psaume 133)

*"A generous
person will
prosper; whoever
refreshes others
will be refreshed."
(Psaume 11)*



Fine Arts Museum ex-monastery



260-acre Parc de la Tête d'Or



Lyon cathedral and rooftops



Autumn on the Saône River



Church leaders' conference in Geneva's new building

Marseille, France: At the conference more wonderful news was reported from the Marseille church: After 7 years of prayer, searching and giving, they have signed an agreement to **purchase 5 acres of land and a monastery!** They plan to renovate it into an outreach center to share the Good News of the love of God. They also want to make the center available to other congregations and non-profit organizations. The Lord has done great things indeed!

“We believe the unprecedented and much-prayed-for **Betheline project** is a sign from God: a sign of hope for the survival and rebirth of a dynamic Christian presence in Marseille and in France for generations to come. It is a gift and a calling from God, if we are willing to accept the challenge.”

Please contact Craig Young if you would be able to partner with them in this great project!

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Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For our new brother **Mickaël** and for all our **spiritual family** in Lyon
- That we can still **work fulltime** in serving God and others
- For **peace and harmony** at the church leaders' conference
- For the **Geneva church's new building** and new opportunities to share faith
- For the **monastery project of the Marseille church**
- For the virtual chorus, **Chœur à coeurs**
- And most of all, for **God's lovingkindness and faithfulness**

What are YOU thankful for?
We would love to hear from you!



Next year's butterfly in our garden

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Betheline monastery in Marseille, future Christian outreach center

***"Good will come to those who are generous and
lend freely, who conduct their affairs with
justice." (Psaume 112)***

Several of you expressed disappointment that we didn't include a music video in last month's newsletter. So, here's another great song by Chœur à coeurs based in Marseille, "**Je suis béni**".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i73wl2H5mOY>

In English it's called "**I'm So Blessed**":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWsirkP2uH4>



November colors at the Hendrixes'

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