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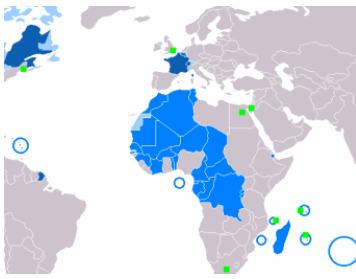


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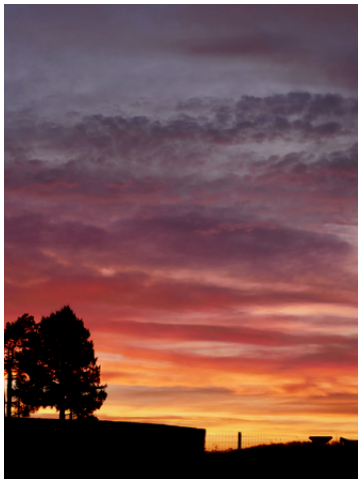
Everything remains pretty much the same with us. We do most of our work from home, as does 16% of the French work force. (*60 Millions de consommateurs*, Aug/Sept 2021) We continue teaching via videoconferencing, as well as in-person. The local intensive care units are still 56% full with **COVID** cases. Distancing, masks and hand sanitizer are still required at church.



Outreach to the French-speaking world



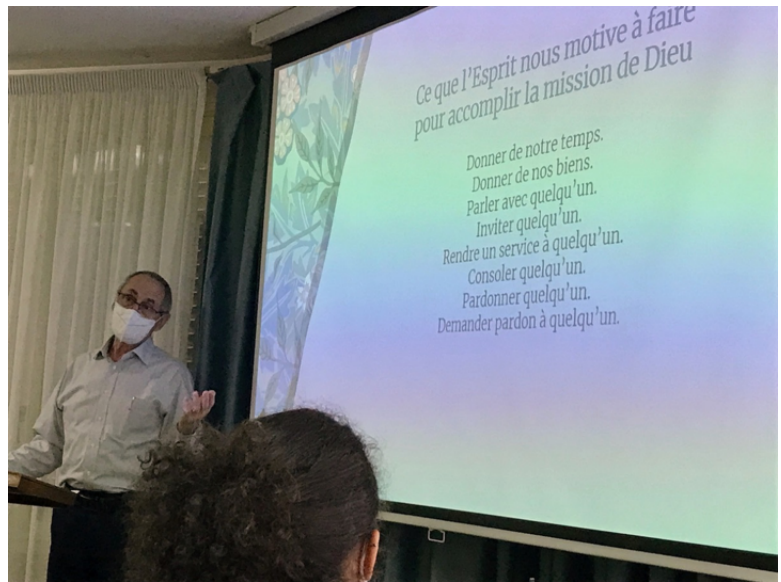
"Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times." (Romans 12:12)



December sunrise out our back window

FAMILY

Over the holidays we had a wonderful 2-week visit from our daughter **Jana's** family. We played games, did lots of home cooking, visited 2 medieval villages, and made trips into Lyon to the Christmas market, a food mall, the 260-acre urban park, Renaissance Lyon, a guided tour of an ancient hospital, and a candlelight concert.



February 2 is **Chandeleur** (Candlemas) and here we traditionally eat crêpes to celebrate. The French proverb says: *On Candlemas, winter will either run its course or grow in force.* (Pamela's translation) Today's festival dates back to a pagan celebration of longer days, the "return to light". In the 5th century the pope organized candlelight processions and distributed small cakes, hence the origin of eating crêpes on that day in France.



Interested in Rick Steves' description of Lyon? www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/read/articles/sightseeing-in-hilly-lyon

BEYOND LYON

Unfortunately, the annual francophone **ladies' retreat** was canceled in early January. (At that time, we were at the peak of another viral wave and



Nothing like Christmas
with the grandkids



Flower seeds for 1 happy mamie



Some good rounds of Chomino

hospital ICU's were at 90% capacity with COVID patients.) Everyone was disappointed, especially Pamela and the Lyon ladies since they had spent many hours planning the program.

The annual **meeting of French church leaders** was held February 11-13 with the usual distancing, masks and hand sanitizer. The brothers from Lille had prepared an excellent program revolving around church leadership. **Robert LIMB**, preacher for the Moulin-Vert congregation in Paris, was able to spend a night with us after the retreat. It was nice to have company again!



The virtual chorus **Chœur à cœurs** is one of our greatest sources of spiritual encouragement. Here's a touching song, *À genoux*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv7zPKW_Ctl





Lyon's equivalent of Central Park

Pamela's mother, **Lois WHITESELL** (96 years old) was hospitalized in January for congestive heart failure. Her brain however is still sharp. She is back home now in her nice little apartment next to Wayne (Pamela's brother) & Kim's house. As they say, *"Getting old isn't for wimps!"* Please pray for Lois.



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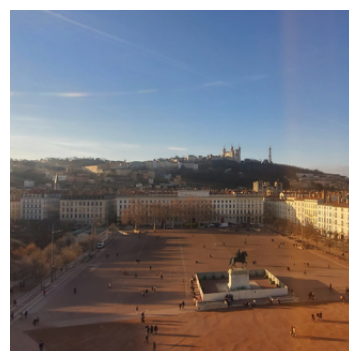
This period has allowed us to spend time with our senior **neighbors** and other retired friends who like us don't get out much. We've had our flu shots and COVID boosters which provide these privileges without endangering each other.

PERSONAL

Pamela is writing a cookbook in four volumes, and the first two (autumn and winter) have been published on Amazon. She has really put herself into this project, encouraged by friends and family who enjoy her cooking. Of course, I appreciate her work, being the fortunate guinea pig.



Jana's family, Christmas in Lyon 2021



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Prayers

- Continuing petitions for **COVID** to go away, all the while trusting God's sovereign plan
- That we continue **to shine** in stressful times

Here's her book description:

*Got the **travel bug**? Cooking dishes from around the world is a great cure, especially when you're stuck at home. These **93 tried-and-true international recipes** can be prepared in roughly **30 minutes**, often faster than the take-out process. Quick can still mean nutritious and delicious, especially when you **cook with the seasons**. What's more, you will save money when buying seasonal fruits and vegetables. A few more secrets:*

- Use **all natural ingredients** (no industrial preparations).
- Use Pamela's **shortcuts** to spend less time in the kitchen.
- Eat healthily but indulge upon occasion.

The ultimate goal is to linger at the table and strengthen bonds. And don't forget to enjoy life!

www.amazon.com/dp/B09SWJQY2X



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- For my ongoing discussions with **young adults** who are considering following Jesus
- For God to guide us in **church leadership**
- Thankfulness to be able to see our **family**
- For **Pamela's mother**
- Grateful for **food, drink, shelter, safety, health, relationships**



Spectacular January sunset from our living room

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