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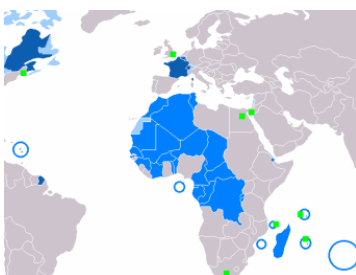
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LYON

Pandemic. Lockdowns. Curfews. Health passes.
Masks. Telecommuting. Zoom meetings.

It's all over! (We think.) After 2 years of COVID restrictions, our potlucks and usual church activities are back in full swing.

Meet **Mila**! She arrived in France from Ukraine with just a suitcase, and her host family is an hour from Lyon. Pamela & I have been housing her on weekends to help her find clothing and to make it easier for her to meet with Christians. Mila also needs to talk and to cry, so we are happy to listen and to share her grief. She said she loves coming here because it's a breath of fresh air and it feels like home.

Outreach to the French-speaking world



Spring é new beginnings for Mila



260-acre park created in 1857



Mila is a university professor from devastated **Kharkiv, Ukraine**, 30 miles from the Russian border. She is taking French and looking earnestly for work. Doubts she can return “home”, whatever that means since she has lost everything. So very hard to start over at age 50. But Mila is an extraordinary sister in Christ, and she is a great blessing to us and our church. We are all praying she will find a job in Lyon, but Father knows best, right?

Below is a photo of the **Dib** family from Syria. At church we are also working with other refugees and social outcasts. We are quite the motley crew! And we beseech your prayers on their behalf.



We would like to encourage you too to become **personally** involved with a refugee or other



Parc de la Tête d'Or in April



Lyon's version of Central Park



Pedestrians, Place des Jacobins

“foreigner”. You will be undoubtedly blessed as much as they will!

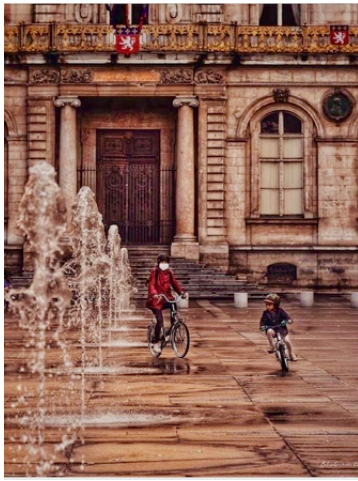
Leviticus 19:34 – “The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

Matthew 25:34-36 – “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger (xenos = foreigner) and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’”



Above: April view of Lyon on our way to the grocery store

Below: Biking along the Rhône River in Lyon



Bikes, Place des Terreaux, Lyon

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FAMILY

We are concerned about Pamela's mother, **Lois WHITESELL**. She was hospitalized in January for congestive heart failure, and the effects are lingering on. She lives with her son Wayne and daughter-in-law Kim. Pamela is planning a June visit for Lois's 97th birthday.

FRIENDS

The "**Hendrix Hotel**" is back in business! It has been great to have visits from several Christian friends: Mila from Ukraine, Béatrice from Grenoble, 2 sisters from Madagascar, 3 friends from Paris, and Patricia from Le Mans in western France. We are blessed!



One thing that has worsened since COVID is the price of gas. During COVID it went up almost 14%, then of course it soared with the Ukrainian crisis. Today the **pump price** in France averages \$8.32/gallon for low octane. And you thought you had it bad!

Result: One-third of the Lyonnais choose to travel **on foot**, and **bicycle use** in Lyon last year increased 21% compared to 2020. (*Met'* magazine, Jan. 2022)

Vélo'v is Lyon's bicycle rental service that costs about \$6 a day and only \$32.66 a year. Average journey is 38 minutes. There are over **5000 bikes** available at 428 stations. That adds up to 760,000 bike rentals per month! Take a peek:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-uldPeekkE>

BEYOND LYON

We made a recent trip to Geneva to see our dear friend **Barbara KEE**, who was visiting her former mission point where she and Doyle had worked for 47 years. Geneva is the closest church of Christ to Lyon, and this was our first time in the last 2 years to see Christians there. We again made the 2-hour drive soon after, for the funeral of a good friend in the Geneva church.



Large earth bumblebee and flowering quince in our garden

PERSONAL

Pamela is writing a cookbook in four volumes, and the first three (autumn, winter and spring) are now available in English on Amazon. I'm proud of her and I get to be the guinea pig for her recipes!

www.amazon.com/Pamela-Hendrix/e/B09KM7WRHS



Prayers

- Soooo grateful that the **COVID** pandemic seems to be over
- Praise God for **new avenues of outreach** that he opened because of COVID
- God's help for **Mila, the**



This chorus based in Marseille is one of our greatest sources of encouragement. Love this song "**Océan**"!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5ytSc0Iyo8>

And in case you'd like to hear it in English:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMBt8mkW9as>



The Hendrix home, April 2022



View of yellow canola fields from our window

Dib family & others we are reaching out to
- Pray for ways that ALL of us can help **refugees or other foreigners**
- For my ongoing studies with a **young man** who is considering following Jesus
- Thankfulness to again be able to exercise full **hospitality**
- For **Pamela's mother**



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