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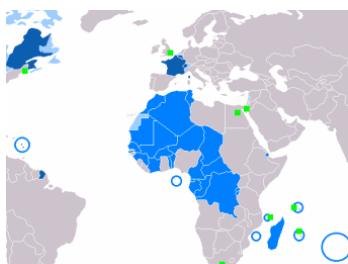
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LYON

Our June highlight was an afternoon of fellowship for our church family planned by our young adults. They had come up with all kinds of ideas that stimulated us all to think ahead and discuss what we can do better. We had a potluck followed by discussions on **church vision & evangelism**. It's so refreshing to have the younger generation not only carry on the flame, but also help us older ones keep ours kindled. May God help us carry out the various proposals.



Young adults planned a great church get-together, a rich afternoon of brainstorming and discussions.



In May we wrote: *"It's all over! (We think.) After 2 years of **COVID** restrictions, our potlucks and usual church activities are back in full swing."* For 6 weeks this spring, we had felt like our life was pretty much back to normal. Until...

June 8, Pamela & I **tested positive** for Covid, and not just a light case. Fever, fatigue, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, loss of taste & smell. Caught it from friends who were vaccinated (as were we) and who had tested negative right before seeing us. We're fine now, thank God.

Cases have again spiked in France, and health officials highly recommend again wearing masks in public transportation and indoor locations that are



Swallowtail butterfly in our garden



crowded. Since our church building is small and poorly ventilated, we decided to recommend that our members resume **wearing masks**. We do it as a precaution but also as an example to our neighbors as good Christian citizens who think of others.



Our next-door neighbors (non-practicing Catholics) invited us to the **christening** of their 1-year-old daughter. We attended the church ceremony and the dinner afterward. A true honor since we were the only non-relatives present. We were able to exchange with several non-believing family members and we have good ties. May God be glorified.

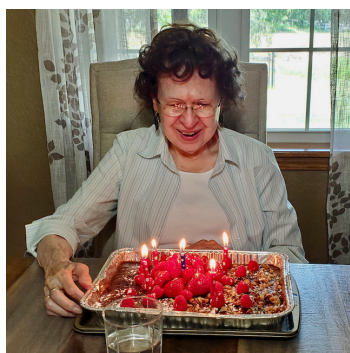
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We and thousands of others worldwide are encouraged by the virtual chorus “**Chœur à Cœurs**” based in Marseille. Here’s a video of the latest song “Est-il digne ?”:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=patUmEd26x8
And here’s the same song in English by Andrew Peterson:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtC-Fnsy4es

If you like these videos, you can check out others on our FB page:
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FAMILY

Pamela at this very moment is finally able to visit her mother, **Lois WHITESELL**. She lives with her son **Wayne** and daughter-in-law **Kim** in Oklahoma, and she is doing quite well for her 97 years. Pamela was supposed to go in June for Lois’s birthday but guess what: Two days before departure, we both came down with Covid, so she had to delay her trip for a month. Pamela will get home August 3, Lord willing, and I am counting the days!



PERSONAL

Pamela is writing a **cookbook** in 4 volumes, and all of them (fall, winter, spring & summer) are now available in English on Amazon. I’ve said it before and I say it again: I’m proud of her AND I get to be the guinea pig for her recipes!

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



Outing with church members Mila (on left) and Oni

Mila, our dear friend and Christian sister, is still with us. She lost her home and everything she owned in **Ukraine**. It’s amazing how many people have helped her, and she is so thankful. Mila is taking intensive courses to learn French, and she is making plans for the future. Please continue to pray for her adjustments in the new chapter of her life in France.

We repeat from our last newsletter: *“We would like to encourage you too to become **personally involved** with a refugee or other foreigner. You will undoubtedly be blessed as much as they will!”*

Ladybugs, bees, bumblebees: In the past 25 years, 75% of flying insects have disappeared in Europe. And did you know that butterflies lay eggs only on native plants (not hybrids)? And yet these insects are essential; 8 out of 10 indigenous plants depend on pollinators to reproduce. So, to make their comeback easier, Greater Lyon has been sowing **flower meadows** in town. (*Met’ magazine, summer 2022*)



FRIENDS

The Hendrix Hotel is back in business! It has been great to have visits, first of all from Mila, then **Buddy & Maurine JONES**. (I was in college with them, and for a number of years they were our coworkers in Nantes, France.) Then came **Winfred WRIGHT** and daughters **Sharon & Sandi**. (Winfred was my French professor & mentor who had a large part in my decision to move to France.) And most recently, **Paul & Carol BRAZLE**. (Fellow missionaries in Belgium, who have been actively helping Ukrainian refugees.) Wonderful times of being “reunited”!

In June we made another quick trip to Geneva to see our dear friend, **Barbara KEE**. Pamela & I were kindly invited to spend the night in our friends’ home where she was staying, thus allowing us hours of sharing. After working in Geneva for 47 years, in 2017 Doyle & Barbara retired in the States to be close to their children. **Doyle** died in 2019, and he is still sorely missed.



***“When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.”
(1 Corinthians 9:22)***



We replaced much of our lawn with a meadow

Lyon has its own charm, history and everything in between. Last year it came in second for **Europe’s Leading City Destination**. (*World Travel Awards*) Moscow came in first, but I would wager more tourists are heading for Lyon than Moscow these days. Here’s a fun dance video of our beautiful city.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JapUtWP2m8I

BEYOND LYON

In May was our **annual spiritual retreat** at our Bible camp in the central mountains of France. A delight, a true glimpse of heaven! There were 133 participants from France & Switzerland, and the reunion was more precious than ever since most of us had not seen each other for 3 years. The theme of our studies was homecoming: joy, resurrection, heaven, etc. I gave the opening speech entitled “Mizpah” about the joys of seeing one another again. (*Genesis 31:49* - “*May God watch over us when we are apart.*”)

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We took **Mila** with us to the retreat. She has been a Christian for years and has served God in a number of countries. She said she had never heard such beautiful singing nor seen such harmony in a large group. Amen, thank you Lord! Mila also said that there she experienced her first day of healing since leaving Ukraine, for she began to see a plan unfurl for her life in France.



Mila sharing the psalm she wrote

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