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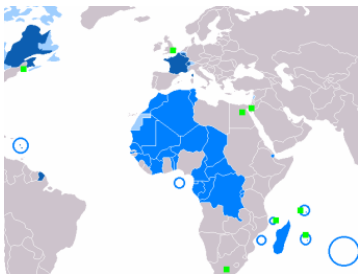


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LYON

The biggest news is the baptism of **Hugues JEAN**, 21 years old. His parents and older brother are spiritual backbones of our church. I had studied with Hugues, but he already had the good example of his parents and good teaching in Bible classes. We rejoice with the angels in heaven!



Outreach to the French-speaking world



Mont Blanc 98 ml. (158 km) away,
tallest peak in Europe



Hugues' baptism at church



Mila, our adopted Ukrainian refugee, is doing great and we thank God for the financial help sent by several of you. Last week Pamela & I moved Mila to Marseille, where she will do a stellar spiritual internship called CEM (translated Christians on Mission). Not only will this increase her already deep knowledge of God but it will also help improve her French, essential for integrating into the culture and finding employment.



Rhône River, basilica above



1884 Fourvière basilica is all about Mary worship



Quite a climb from the cathedral to the basilica



Mila and other CEM interns

Lydia HASSANI, a Christian from Marseille, moved to Lyon to study law, but housing is hard to find because there are 180,000 university students in Lyon (11% of them foreign). (More than 5 applicants for each ad for shared housing!) So, the evening Pamela & I got home from moving Mila to Marseille, we took in Lydia for 2 weeks until she can move into her apartment.

With such a booming student sector and an official population of 1.4 million, it's no wonder that Greater Lyon does everything it can to promote bicycles over cars. Here's a video of the 2022 festival promoting **city cycling**:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCfFtw-bQ5o&t=2s



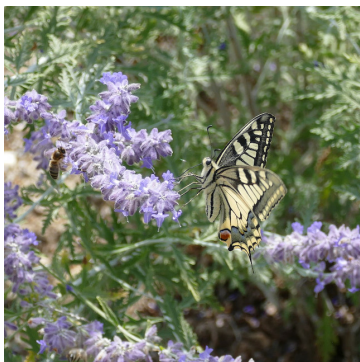
Biking along the Rhône River in Lyon



Rue Juiverie in Renaissance Lyon



Fritillary butterfly taking off



Rare swallowtail in our garden

We thank God for the younger generation at church who provide IT support for worship, classes and even our webinar ("Deux Mieux en Mieux" marriage seminar on YouTube). These **young adults** also take the initiative of teaching and serving others. At the same time, they edify each other and us too!



Outing to Vercors Mtns. with church youth

This summer Lyon experienced 3 historic extreme heat warnings, with temperatures near 104°F (40°C). July 2022 was the **driest month in a century**. The French Public Health Service recommended that seniors get out only in the mornings. One reason is there is not much air-conditioning over here.



Nice recycling of Lyon trees killed by drought



Russian sage, our
most popular butterfly buffet

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FRIENDS

We continually strive to use the **gift of hospitality** given us by God. In addition to Mila and Lydia, we have welcomed 9 church members and 5 neighbors & friends into our home for meals in the past month.

The **WOOTON** family from Cape Cod came to town as they do every summer, and their presence is a great encouragement to the Lyon church. Pamela & I got to host them for a meal, and it is always a delight to spend time with Tom, Carine, Hugo & Eloïse.

From England we hosted **Andy & Hélène (Ravaux) VARLEY** for 5 days. Hélène's parents are French and German, and we have known the family since Hélène was a child. We especially enjoyed getting to know Andy this summer.

Then came the **GRIFFITHS** from St. Louis for 3 nights. Frédérique is French, and she & Jim were fellow missionaries, first in Nantes

BEYOND LYON

In **Marseille** we seized the opportunity to visit brothers & sisters we had not seen because of Covid. We also got to worship at the Fuveau Chapel on Sunday. A highlight was the kickoff ceremony for the CEM students.

The Marseille church is gifted with musical talent, and here's the latest video from **Choeur à coeurs**: "Entends mon coeur" ("Listen to My Heart"):

www.youtube.com/watch?v=88AoO5X8dJc



"The Lord says, "My thoughts are not like your thoughts.

Your ways are not like my ways.

***Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.***

***Rain and snow fall from the sky
and don't return without watering the ground.***

***They cause the plants to sprout and grow,
making seeds for the farmer***

and bread for the people.

The same thing is true of the words I speak.

They will not return to me empty.

***They make the things happen that I want to
happen,***

***and they succeed in doing what I send them to
do."***

(Isaiah 55)

PRAYERS

- Gratitude that Pamela & I had no side effects since

then in Toulouse for a number of years. We are still close friends, and it was a joy catching up and sharing. The **TREVATHANS** from Nashville were the Griffiths' travel companions, and it was fun getting to know them and learning from them too.



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contracting **Covid** in June

- Pray that the **pandemic** is really over
- That we all be a spring of **blessing** to those around us who are in need
- Beseech our Father's continued help for **Mila & others** we are reaching out to
- Ask for God to show ways that ALL of us can help **refugees or other foreigners**
- For **Hugues** in his new life in following Jesus
- Thankfulness to again be able to exercise full **hospitality**

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