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We hope you are able to enjoy being with family next week. We sure miss ours!

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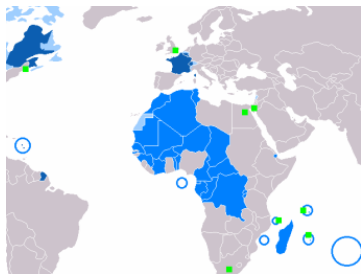


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This year we have had 3 congregational brainstorming sessions about new ministries, and several good decisions were made. To us the most encouraging aspect is that **80% of our young adults** are actively engaged in serving one way or another.



Outreach to the French-speaking world



St. John's Cathedral



Fourvière Basilica

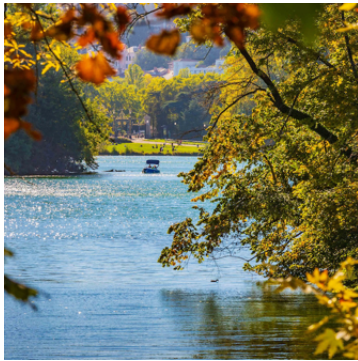


One young professional (a PT) has been coming to church regularly and is considering becoming a Christian. She asked Pamela to **study the Bible** with her, so they are reading through the Gospel of Mark. As always, our goal is for folks to fall in love with Jesus as they contemplate his life here on earth.

Pamela enjoys spending time with young women, and a number of them call her their “**adopted mom**”. Sometimes one will come over for the day, sometimes a group will spend the night. Cooking is almost always involved, along with the heart-to-hearts. This month Pamela took them on an outstanding outing to the 40th international hot-air balloon festival 2 hours away.



Parc de la Tête d'Or,
largest city park in France



Hôtel Dieu hospital dates from 1184



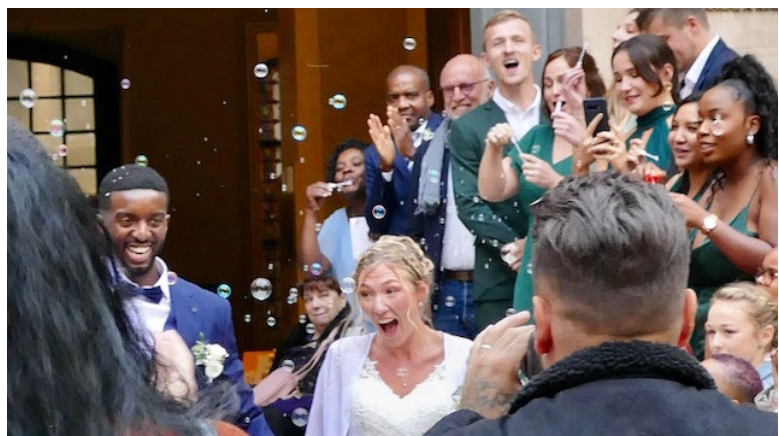
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LYON Cont'd

Word gets around that I'm a
preacher and I do weddings.



The big October event was the wedding of **Kerwin JEAN** (young adult leader from Lyon) and **Emma FILLEBEEN** (from Lille, whom I baptized in 2018). I felt so honored they asked me to perform the ceremony. More than 150 attended, some of whom even traveled from overseas. The photographers told me it was the most touching wedding they had ever seen.



Our landlord's sister-in-law and her fiancé, non-practicing believers, wanted God to be a part of their ceremony. I seized this opportunity to do a **second wedding** last month. I received numerous positive comments on what I said about God's will for marriage, and I pray it will bring them closer to God.

“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.”
(1 Corinthians 6)

PRAYERS

- Continued **thankfulness** for our **young adults**, the future of the church
- For **Hugues** (baptized this summer) in his new life in following Jesus
- For **Clotilde's** new faith journey
- For newlyweds **Kerwin & Emma**, that their marriage bring much glory to God

In 2020, the magazine *L'Étudiant* rated Lyon the best city in France for training programs. And this year Lyon has **180,000 university students**.

Want to hop over for a 6-minute **virtual visit of Lyon**? This is the modern district, much appreciated by the rising generation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seBMG5sC8K0>

For a longer visit, here you can do a 360° tour of 16 of Lyon's favorite sites:

www.bricegenevois.com/vue_panoramique/ville_de_lyon

BEYOND LYON

In France we know several Christians who have not found an active church family nearby. **Michel & Irène VERDIER** on the west coast joined our church for worship, classes & prayer meetings since we went online in 2020. Sadly, Irène is now alone since Michel passed away this fall. Pamela and I made the 8-hour trip to be with her and for me to preside at his funeral.

Here's another great song by the virtual chorus **Chœur à cœurs**, “Enfant de Dieu” (“No Longer Slaves”):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MERwn80j_w

FRIENDS

We are so very blessed to welcome friends into our home once more! **Craig & Katie YOUNG** and **MILA** (see previous newsletters about this Ukrainian sister) came from Marseille for Kerwin & Emma's wedding. We had a short visit over lunch, and we wish it could have been longer.



- That someone will come after us to water the **seeds of faith** we have sown
- That the Spirit will comfort & encourage **Irène** in this season of grief
- **Gratitude** for **friends**, especially those who share our love of the Lord

THANKSGIVING

We are **grateful** for your help, both financial and prayerful, that make our mission possible.

Giving to a donation is a great way to wind down the year, reduce your taxable income, and make someone's holidays extra special. If you have an IRA that you must take a "Required Minimum Distribution" for, check into **Qualified Charitable Distributions!**

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

We think you might enjoy this video **experiment in gratitude:**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHv6vTKD6lg

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Andy & Melissa JOHNSON from Dallas, some of our honorary children, have been a blessing to us since studying French in Lyon prior to their 13-year mission in Burkina Faso, West Africa. They were just with us for 4 days, and the blessings continue.



Then came **David & Jena COFFEY** from Washington State. They played a big part at our wedding: A few days earlier, Pamela had mistakenly packed her wedding shoes and shipped them on to France. She realized her mistake only 4 hours before the ceremony and was resigned to getting married barefoot. A friend posted herself at the church door and spotted Jena entering with off-white shoes. And they were Pamela's size!

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