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## FRIENDS

**Doug & Liz WILLIAMS**, two of our honorary children, flew over from Atlanta to spend a weekend with us in Oklahoma. We are excited about their first baby, due in August. We had a quick but good visit with former French missionary **Craig WOLF** from Pennsylvania. Pamela also had a short visit with her good friend **Mary Beth PETR** from Kansas, who came to town one weekend.

In addition, we had an OC student (**GAELLE**, mentioned in our January newsletter) and her Rwandan family over for dinner before her graduation. Gaëlle's mother is a senator in their country, so the conversation was very interesting. Both this time and in November when Gaëlle cooked for us, our common language (besides French) was hospitality, a sense of honoring one another.

## HOME AGAIN

We arrived back in Lyon on May 11, and it is so good to be home. But on the other hand, we already miss everyone in the States, who made our stay so meaningful.

Over the past 9 months since we left France, we traveled 25,000 miles (40,000 kilometers) to visit family, friends & supporters across 12 states and to report on God's work in the French-speaking world. We are a little tired, but it was a great year. ("The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes but in having new eyes," Marcel Proust.)

## OKLAHOMA

This year Pamela & I both taught various classes on campus and at church. We were active with the missions club at Oklahoma Christian University. We also participated in activities for third-culture kids (raised in a foreign country), hopefully helping them adapt more easily to American culture. We are often reminded that we are all travelers in this world and our home is eternal.

Oklahoma City is located near the geographic center of the United States. It is the third largest U.S. city in terms of land area. It is part of the Western Plains, and we could not believe how fast the weather changes. For example, one day at noon it was calm at 70°F (21°C), and just a few hours later it was 30°F (-1°C) with winds at 55 mph (86 km/h). At least we were spared a tornado experience!

## MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

In April we taught several times in Memphis at the White Station church and at the Harding School of Theology. We continually strive to inspire young people to devote their lives in full-time service to God.

## FAMILY

*Pamela's cousin, Suzanne CHAPPIN, flew in from Nashville to see Pamela's parents & us for a few days. We also had good visits from our son DANIEL, our daughter JANA, her husband TIMOTHY & our 3 grandkids from Texas.*

*Since Pamela's parents lived so close this year, we enjoyed visiting, sharing meals, playing Scrabble & watching DVDs with them. I was also able to do some odd jobs and help with housecleaning to make life a little easier for them. It was wonderful spending time with Pamela's brother's family too. And since Oklahoma City is located just 200 miles (322 km) north of Dallas, we often got to visit Jana's family & Daniel in their homes.*

*(From Pamela) I have been reflecting on being a mother & grandmother. (How on earth can I be old enough to be a grandmother??) I am thankful that my own mother is still alive & well, and I see myself as living in between the mirror of the past and that of the future. I look in both directions with the same pleasure, knowing that we are all heading toward eternity. I am totally at peace with that thought. Are you?*

*Notwithstanding, we are sure sad about leaving our family. So why did we still want to go back to France? While the pluralism of postmodern culture denies the need to preach the gospel, we believe that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and that Christians are to "go and make disciples of all nations". Most of the French do not believe in God, and we feel called to testify to the Good News of God's grace. We hold forth the Bible as the inspired and authoritative word of God, and we do our best to make it the basis of our teaching. Please don't get weary of praying for us.*



## JESUS CALLING

We want to share this thought with you from our favorite devotional guide, penned by Sarah Young.

"Learn to relate to others through My Love rather than yours. Instead of trying harder to help people through your own paltry supplies, become aware of My unlimited supply. Let My Love envelop your outreach to other people. Many of my precious children have fallen prey to burnout. Countless interactions with needy people have drained them. You are among these weary ones, who are like wounded soldiers needing R&R. Take time to rest in the love-light of My Presence. (Matt. 11:28-29)"

**Jesus said – He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. (Matthew 10)**



### PLEASE PRAY:

- For those so dear to us, family and friends, whom we left behind in the States
- That God will continue working in the lives of people we saw in the U.S. (to God be all the glory)
- That more young people will decide to work full-time in the Lord's service
- Thanksgiving for months of safe travels & for bringing us safely home
- Praise for all the ways God has provided for us
- That we fully trust God as he guides us
- For perseverance in holding up Jesus as the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs

