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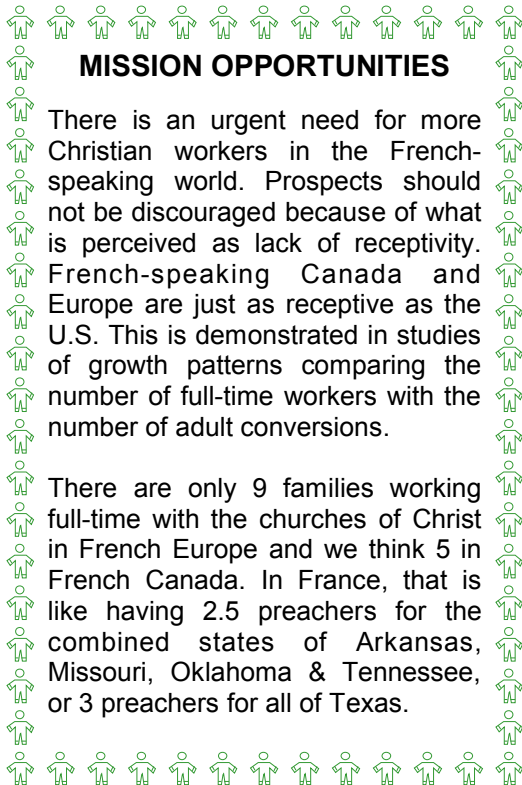
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## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

There is an urgent need for more Christian workers in the French-speaking world. Prospects should not be discouraged because of what is perceived as lack of receptivity. French-speaking Canada and Europe are just as receptive as the U.S. This is demonstrated in studies of growth patterns comparing the number of full-time workers with the number of adult conversions.

There are only 9 families working full-time with the churches of Christ in French Europe and we think 5 in French Canada. In France, that is like having 2.5 preachers for the combined states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma & Tennessee, or 3 preachers for all of Texas.

## **LYON NEWS**

**Baptism:** We are happy to announce that *Julian* is now our brother in Christ. In February and April 2009, we wrote asking you to pray for my studies with Julian, who is a student of Polish descent. In 2008 he had started studying the Bible on Internet with an American who had put Julian in contact with me. He has studied with several Christians over the past 18 months, and Julian finally committed his life to Christ. He is the first member of our congregation to be contacted through the Net.

**Marseille chorus:** It has become a Lyon tradition to host the Harmony Chorus every spring, and this year they presented two concerts. One was in a Catholic church not far from our building and the other in a Catholic church about 30 minutes outside Lyon. Since *Doug & Liz Williams* were taking care of our house & dog while we were in Guadeloupe, they also stepped in to house some of the chorus members. So even though we were far away in Guadeloupe, the Hendrix Hotel remained in service.

## **BEYOND LYON**

### **GUADELOUPE**

We make a mission trip to Guadeloupe almost every year. This French-speaking island has never had a full-time preacher, which is why we go over to help out. This year I taught a 3-week series on grace. This Caribbean church had 9500 invitations printed & distributed, and we ourselves also did some distribution. During the week we visited the church members, and Pamela also taught the ladies.



Home Bible study in Guadeloupe



Arlin & Pamela eating Caribbean curried goat the traditional way on banana-leaf plates





**PLEASE PRAY:**

- For Julian as he begins his new life in Christ
- God's blessings on our mission efforts in Guadeloupe
- For more financial support so we can continue making these overseas mission trips
- For our aging parents
- For our brothers who are the primary caregivers and lovingly looking after our parents
- God's peace and comfort for Virginia Johnson & family
- Thanksgiving for everyone who has touched our lives. May we pass it on.

*Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. (Philippians 2:14-16)*



**PERSONAL NEWS**

*En route to Guadeloupe, we swung by the U.S. to see our immediate family and those supporters we did not see last furlough (in Arkansas, Oregon and Washington). We combined 2 trips into one, saving a lot of money and a lot of jet lag. The tricky part was traveling with one suitcase apiece in weather varying from an Oklahoma blizzard to Caribbean meltdown.*

*We had a good visit with Pamela's parents, V.M. & Lois Whitesell, who are faring well and still live at home. We did not have time to go see our son Daniel in St. Louis, so he joined us in Texas & Oklahoma. We were thankful to see my mother Lavern in California, who is in an Alzheimer's Center with failing health. From there we went to visit Timothy, Jana, Tristan, Judy & Melody in Texas. No better balm for the heart than those precious grandchildren. They are the cute ages of 2, 4 & 6.*



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In March we lost our close friend & confidant, **Rick Johnson**. I was in college with Rick & his wife **Virginia**, and they came to France 3 times. The last time in 2004, they spent 2 precious weeks working with us and ministering to us. Rick & Virginia have been faithful supporters & encouragers; we had just received an e-mail from Rick the week he died. Rick was an athlete who loved to run and he was running when he suddenly dropped dead. He won the final race, even if he was just out for a jog.