



Dear friends and relatives,

Christmas coming, we go back to you in order to give you some news and hope for you a wonderful year, full of the good taste of the Life which gushes forth inside us and around us. And, for this year, let the ink and paper saving go to the devil! We feel like offering you something meatier than last years.

Our Life

For me, **Jean-Michel**, I changed my professional work; for health reasons, I left my house carpenter job. Pierre, my friend who's I was a partner as a consultant few years ago, called me on a new time. Nowadays, I'm an employee of his, half time, and working from home through the internet for a large part. I frequently have to travel to Aveyron; to meet up with this country and its people again is a great source of happiness, because I feel in harmony with it. I do like this activity.

I keep an entrance in carpentry working, for I'm finalizing a wood frame houses calculating software. I do it for my last employer.

All of that let me some time to go on with the renovation work in Cesseras house.

For me, **Odile**, the life goes on.

Raquel and her parents took off for 2007 Easter, and I've no more school accompaniment with her. I hope that all the work we had together will help her to go into a full autonomy. I can't say today what I can do with all this new free time. Nevertheless it took me almost two to four hours a day with her!

Cesseras house needs my work, but it's not easy for me to be out of Azille.

Each time it's possible, when there are no guest in the monastery, I go with Jean-Michel during his professional trips.

I decided to start up, on request, some training periods named "**daily good cooking is almost nothing.**" If you know concerned people, please contact me.

The family



One of the most important events this year was Céline and Ghislain marriage. They succeeded gathering their families and friends in a true feast that let in our hearts a very good taste of happiness.

Anne-Lise made her Christian profession of faith, and Charles will begin his Eucharistic life in a few days.

Seeing Lydie and Jean-Michel, Sara and Benoist, Ghislain and Céline, in fool bloom in their family and work life is for us a very great happiness.

As usually, our holidays were turned towards our grand children, but in a new way. We enjoyed guessing then each in turn, organizing special activities for each of them... What a true happiness! With Anne-Lise, we visited friends in Dutchland; Orianne and Estelle met together and had several feast with their great-grandmother Mamilie; with Charles, we had some do-it-yourself and a Spanish trip, visiting the toy museum in Figueras.

Estelle and Orianne go to the nursery school. Charles will enter the secondary school next year. What he enjoys is football and archeology. Anne-Lise is already in the secondary school for the second year; she becomes a teen-ager and chooses to go on playing trumpet.

We're overjoyed parents, and grandparents who fell in love with their grandchildren.



The monastery

With the good news, there are also our worries, and especially about our Azille sisters leaving.

For many reasons, they are going to group themselves together with Orthez monastery. We live with them, in our own way, the preparations for this disruption. To leave a house where you lived for 40 or 50 years, for some of them, 10 years for the other ones, isn't an adventure without any obstacle... We stay at their disposal, and will go back to Cesseroas on their request... The exact time of their leaving isn't known, but no doubt it'll be at the end of the spring. Maybe we stay here some more time to provide an attendance in the buildings.

A page is turning over, and we have to think about the story which is being written on the new page, be with or without us. Nostalgia? NO! Run up for the life! Newness to be received and invented! YES !

Guessing

Guests at home didn't be lacking; regarding to the AIDES managed welcomes and to the meetings through SERVAS, we had almost a world around trip! We do like this meeting and sharing life and we make out more and more how we're in good place when we love offering everyone a peaceful, restful, beautiful and re-energizing space. We cannot resist to the pleasure of sharing with you some gems took from our visitor's book this year.

"Your simplicity puts my mind at ease for the following, and encourages me to be myself!" (Richard)

"Yes, living together as brothers and sisters is good and soft and it's what I experimented here." (Yves-Herni)

"I was very touched by this beautiful meeting, by both of you and all the solidarity nets through what you shine forth. I thank you for accepting me in this life and peace wheel. Ar gallon vraz." (Valérie – Brittany)

"What a magnificent day we enjoyed together!" (Louise – USA)

"God is love and you pass on goodness." (Nicole)

"Words miss me to express from the deep of my heart the love you showed and displayed to me."
(Emmanuel – Cameroon)

"Thank you with all my heart for your joy, your welcoming and the gift of yourselves." (Anne-Claire and Jérôme)

"I didn't believe it was possible for a couple to be as close as you are. God gave to each of you some ordeals and took you on the peace way; I didn't believe it could be found. Your patience and welcoming make me have faith in a more calm future... Stay like that, with an open heart." (Lætitia)

"Your warm and open home reflects your warm and open hearts... The world needs more hearts such as yours, continue to be the change the planet needs so much." (Justine and Philip – New Zealand)

"May it rain, may the wind blow, may it snow,

Odile and Jean-Michel protect you now." (Jean-Stéphane)

The house

The renovation work in our house goes on well, and we always are filled with wonder at the help from our friends. Thanks a lot to Jean-Michel, our neighbour and friend, whose numerous abilities helped us to finish partition walls and tiles. The ground floor is on the good way. As we need to leave Azille to go back to Cesseroas, and even if the house is inhabitable enough for us, a serious going on of this work is now urgent in order to make from our house the welcome place Beth-Salem needs. Public notice for every goodwill desirous to have with us a good time of work and brotherly relationship!

The life is ahead, and we have a good mind to bite into it with gusto. If you have a good mind to share our run up, you may always come to Cesseroas, and live a good moment! The house is opened.

So, to each of you we wish a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and a good family time.

Odile et Jean-Michel LÉVÊQUE



PS #1: our Congolese daughter, Marie-Reine, is walking towards her permanent vow; let our thoughts and prayers go with her in her life choice in Lord's service! Thank you.

PS #2: our Philippine sponsored girl, Mary Sunshine, choose to have a job, in order to help her parents with money; we go on helping her.

