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Hamilton (Woody) and Sue Lewis

Rev. Woody Lewis

I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of a lawyer. I loved baseball, avoided homework, and teased my big sister. During high school, I came to grips with the futility of life and 1 month before graduation a Christian teacher introduced me to Jesus Christ. Everything changed with a new life in Christ. I went to Princeton Univ. and graduated in 1969 with a history major. During those years, I had excellent instruction in God's Word. Hungry and thirsty for more, believing God wanted me to serve Him "full-time," I went to Dallas Seminary graduating in 1974, with a New Testament Greek major. My life verse is Psalm 34:3, "O come and magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together." My wife and I joined Unevangelized Fields Mission (now UFM, Int.) to go to France.

Mrs. Sue Lewis

Sue has quite a different story to tell. Birthday #2 she celebrated in a fundamental Bible-believing church in Haddon Heights, NJ. It wasn't until she was 8 that Sue made her own personal decision to trust Christ, and was greatly encouraged in her Christian walk by her parents. Sue attended Philadelphia College of Bible, and graduated in 1972, with a major in Christian Education and Bible. Sue's mother went to be with the Lord when Sue was 15. Her dad remarried and served under ABWE for 20 years as a medical missionary in the Philippines. He is now retired living in south New Jersey. Sue has five brothers and sisters and 4 stepbrothers and sisters.

Woody and Sue have four daughters: Anne (23) is married to Nick VanWingerden. She is teaching pre-school and he is at Moody Grad School. They are planning on missions. Laura (23) is studying at Trinity Grad School (Deerfield, IL) with an emphasis in Greek and Church History. She is planning on missions. Joelle (20) is a sophomore at Moody, majoring in TESL. She is planning on missions. Beth (16) is a student at Black Forest Academy.

Our Past Missionary Activities:

First term: 1975-76 Full time language study
1976-77 Orientation program (helping in a local church, primarily with youth) in Grenoble.
1977-78 Teaching at a one-year practical Bible school (CIFEM) in Grenoble.
Second Term: 1978-81 Evangelism, with Bible studies, to begin a church in the Savoy (Alps) region of France.
Third Term: 1982-85 Field leader
1985-86 The early stages of evangelism and church planting in St. Egreve, using many means (personal contacts, hospitality, literature, films, children's clubs).
Fourth Term: 1987-92 Evangelism, Bible teaching, discipleship, counseling to begin a church in St. Egreve. Several trips to Romania to teach.
Fifth Term: 1993-96 Moved to Cernay, Alsace to be closer to BFA. Helping the mother church begin a daughter church in Cernay and Wittelsheim where there is no evangelical witness.
Sixth Term: 1997-present. Rumersheim-le-Haut, Alsace. Teaching, training, counseling, evangelism, youth work.

Current Missionary Activity: 2000-2001

In 1993 we moved to the Alsace region of France to serve in an evangelistic, church planting ministry. We are not trying to plant a new church right now. Our mother church is without a pastor so Woody is using this time to work with the elders (2) and prepare a third man to replace him when we go to the US for home assignment in June of 2002. Woody gives courses regularly either at Bible Schools in Geneva and Romania or on a long-term basis here in the church. Personal discipleship, counseling and organizing are other large aspects of the work.

Sue cooks for guests, organized monthly evangelistic outreaches, teaches a MOPS group, counsels, visits ladies individually and tries to meet neighbors. She is no longer working with the junior high youth group.

Goals

- No lay Bible Institute.
- Get a new pastor, Lord willing.
- Train elders/deacons.
- Build up families.
- Evangelize around the church.

Where currently serving: Wittenheim is near Mulhouse, France, in the region of Alsace (northeastern France). It is 1/2 hour from Basel, where Germany, France and Switzerland come together.

Date of present assignment: Sept. 1993

Date of next scheduled furlough: June, 2002 for one year

Date of COD's beginning support: May 1975

Birthdates: Woody	Aug. 11, 1947
Sue	May 12, 1950
Anne	Aug. 8, 1977
Laura	Aug. 8, 1977
Joelle	Dec. 16, 1980
Elisabeth	Aug. 18, 1984

Wedding Anniversary: May 26, 1973

Woody's hobbies: hiking, skiing, reading

Sue's hobbies: reading and little bit of everything (I like to do whatever anybody else is doing)

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