



STORY FROM BURSINS

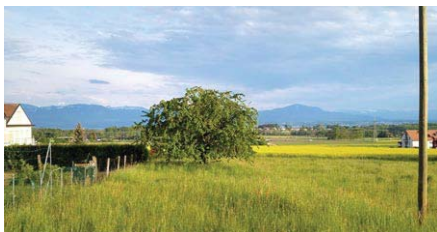


Bursins is a charming and quiet little village in Switzerland located at the foot of the Jura Mountains overlooking Lac Léman (Lake Geneva). It is about half an hour's drive from Geneva and holds only 779 inhabitants. Among them lives the family of Limelette, and Mrs. Cécilia Wai Sheung Limelette-Ng happens to be our alumna of 1990. I was having a 2-week business trip to Geneva around April-May this year, and managed to pay a brief sojourn to the Limelette family during one of my weekends there.



Getting in touch with Cécilia was always a morsel of a challenge. I was always having long meetings, which sometimes went past midnight. Cécilia works for an airline company, both on the ground and in the air. On top of that, she has to take care of the family and serve the B&B guests and is racing around all the time. A simple conversation just to fix the time and meeting place took quite a while to complete!

I got on a train from Geneva to Gland, a small town near Bursins. Cécilia and her son Louis-Kwan picked me up at the railway station. We met each other only for the first time, but it seemed that we were former allies for years. Louis-Kwan gave me quite a snatch of a surprise since he could speak fairly good Cantonese which is literally his mother tongue. The short ride took only a few minutes before we arrived at the family house of Limelette-Ng in the heart of the "La Côte" vineyard. Their cottage has a breathtaking view of Lac Léman, the Alps and the Mont Blanc Mountain. Half of the big house is used as a B&B by Eric, Cécilia's husband. The place can welcome



a maximum of 8 guests in 3 rooms. Renovation was the gruelling work of Eric while every piece of fabrics, tiles and interior decoration were picked and designed by Cécilia. I found out later that Cécilia was a graduate from the 'Hotel Institute Montreux' studying 'Hotel Management'. No wonder the Limelette family could work out such a nice scene for their guests.

Knowing that the Alumnae Association would soon hold a Council Meeting upon my return to HK, Cécilia took me across the border to France to buy all sorts of cheese, chocolates, 'fois gras', 'pain d'épice' for taking home to share with other sisters and school teachers. She had also prepared some special homemade sauce using her secret recipe for me to bring home for sharing. In the evening, Cécilia cooked the family a raclette cheese dinner served with potatoes, dried ham and proudly presented Swiss wine from one of the local vintages. By the time I got onto the late night train back to Geneva, my backpack was heavily loaded with Swiss food and my heart was filled with thankfulness and delight. What a blessing to be able to visit a YWGS alumna overseas.



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