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We pray that you all are staying healthy and that your faith remains strong in these uncertain days. The coronavirus continues to greatly impact life here in Quebec like it has around the world. We have seen a much larger number of cases in Quebec compared to other provinces in Canada, which is due most likely from the fact that spring break for Quebecers was the first week of March. Many were travelling abroad just before the travel restrictions took effect. (As of today there are 18,000 cases reported in Quebec which is more than half of all cases reported in Canada.)

On March 13 Quebec declared a public health emergency and shortly after began closing schools, limiting public gatherings and non-essential services. We are presently under a shelter-in-place order until at least the beginning of May. One of our church members has tested positive for the virus, but thankfully he has recovered without suffering any major symptoms. Our church family is doing well and for the moment there has not been a big financial impact for most of them as many are either retired or work in essential service jobs. We have been busy adapting to church services online. The Sunday morning message goes out live on our church's facebook page, and we use online video conferencing for our prayer meetings.

The signs of new life that come in spring are always a source of renewed hope and joy for us. In the same way, we have been greatly encouraged by the recent salvation of a young man who has been coming regularly to church with his wife and two children. It has been wonderful to see his desire to know God and the truth. He is planning to be baptized as soon as the situation permits. Pray that he will continue to grow in his faith and that God will use him as an effective witness to the rest of his family and friends.

This summer we plan to begin repairs on the exterior of our building. There are a lot of rotten trim boards that need to be replaced and the entire building needs to be repainted. The most important project though is the church parking lot, which needs to be resurfaced. This is a major cost (approximately \$30,000) for which we do not have the funds, but we are confident that God will provide when we need it. We were hoping to be able to wait a few years, but the surface is rapidly deteriorating with the harsh winters (in the photo you can see the loose asphalt that has accumulated over the winter from the snow plow). Also, the city is telling us we would need to install a stormwater management system which could cost an additional \$30,000. We are praying for guidance and wisdom in moving forward with this project. This is something that is impossible for us, so we are excited to see what God will do! If you would like to help financially with these projects or have any advice to offer, please feel free to contact us by phone or email.

Our family has been doing well and staying healthy, aside from the normal seasonal colds and allergies. Of course, homeschool continues for Sarah and the kids. It has been a challenge to find new ways for the kids to burn off energy since the snow has turned to slush which makes playing outside less appealing. We are starting to see the grass though in a few places around the house which is a good sign!

We praise the Lord for his continual care for us, and we thank each one of you for your prayers and financial support that enables us to labor for the Lord here. May the Lord bless you all and keep you in His perfect peace!