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THE CAMPBELL FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN QUEBEC



"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33

Christ gave these instructions to his disciples, knowing that He would soon finish His work on earth and return to Heaven until the time of His second coming. We do not know when that day will come, although the signs of the times remind us that it is imminent! "Am I ready?" that is the question each person must ask himself. I was recently reminded of the importance of being prepared. Here in Quebec, we begin preparations for winter in October- storing the patio furniture in the shed, wrapping the bushes to protect them, setting up temporary garages, among a host of other things. We know the snow will come soon, but we don't know exactly when it will come so we must be ready. Last Monday it was supposed to rain all day, because of a dip in temperature it ended up snowing all day! Although a lot of my winter preparations were already done, installing the winter tires on the car was still on the "to do" list. Suddenly that item became priority on the list! It made me think, do the priorities on my "to do" list reflect that I believe Christ coming is imminent? Am I praying for lost souls as I should? Am I doing the Father's business "like there's no tomorrow"? May Christ return find us diligently working and helping others to be ready as well.



We have seen God's hand at work recently in our church. In the last letter I asked you to pray for our church yard sale. I am happy to report that through this event we were able to present the Gospel to a young man who stopped by. He came to church the next day and received Christ as his Savior! Another lady who has been coming regularly recently prayed to accept Christ during our midweek prayer meeting. We have had the privilege to baptize five people- Jean-François, Pauline, Pedro, Sophia (our daughter), and Celine. Please pray for them and for us as we help them grow in their walk with the Lord.



Right now we are in a second wave of infections of Covid-19. Here in Quebec City, there are a lot more cases than what we experienced in the spring, but thankfully the death rate has remained low. At the beginning of October, the government reimposed many restrictions, closing restaurants, gyms, and halting team sports as well as public and private gatherings. We praise the Lord that the new restrictions do allow for churches to remain open for small gatherings. Please pray that we can continue to meet freely and for the continued health of our church family, spiritually and physically. Please help us pray as well for the situation in our area- that the number of cases would decrease and that the medical staff will be able to manage during this difficult time. We have a couple in our church who work at a local hospital and have said that the medical staff is really feeling the strain from the situation and the constantly changing demands. We have seen how the lockdown restrictions along with the health crisis has created a lot of emotional and psychological distress that send people spiraling down into depression and despair. Our prayer is that we can be Spirit-filled beacons of hope to direct them to the Savior!

We are thankful for all of God's blessings on our family. He has kept us in good health so far throughout the pandemic. A few weeks ago Sarah sprained her ankle badly at church. It is improving, but please pray that it she will fully recover quickly. Thankfully, Sarah's mom Cindy came at the end of August to help us for an extended period of time. We thank the Lord for the tremendous help she is providing for our family as well as for the kids ministry at church. We are so thankful for each one of you that helps us as well through prayer and financial support. May God bless you all abundantly!

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