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Merry Christmas from the Coates family! It is hard to believe that this time of year has already come again. What a joy to know the One who came to earth so long ago in such a humble manner to be our Redeemer and Saviour! It was mentioned by someone at church just recently how so many in the world are discouraged and down this time of year. May we never forget Christ's message for all found in Luke 2, "...on earth peace, good will toward men." What a glorious opportunity we have at this time of year to introduce those around us to the Prince of Peace! We pray that God will bless and guide your ministry this Christmas season.

Our church is planning a simple Christmas song service this upcoming Sunday, which we are praying will be a blessing to those in attendance, but also a time of sharing the hope of the gospel with visitors who have been invited. Pray with us for God to do a work as only He can do in our midst.

The revival and counselling conference we held in October went well, and was a great encouragement for our church family and several visitors from other churches as well. The Lord allowed just before the conference for us to set up a livestream for our services, which I have continued to run since. This has been a great blessing in particular for some who cannot come to church every Sunday for various health reasons.

We are looking into the possibility of taking the video I made as a promotion for the conference, and after tweaking it a bit using it as a virtual tract, possibly in connection with the flyer/tract I have been designing. Pray with us in this regard to have the Lord's clear direction.



We are thankful for the health God has given as winter has begun here in Québec. In previous years the kids have been sick quite often as it is not always possible to let them play outside and get good exercise with all the cold and snow (but they certainly try their hardest to do so inside!). So far everyone has been doing very well health wise, and while there are still some bad nights the boys are sleeping much better overall. Elizabeth is slowly sleeping better and regaining her strength as well.



We are looking forward to having Christmas as a family, especially as we watch our kids get to grow and enjoy it. We hope to take Lydia to Québec City next week to enjoy the lights and decorations, as she is at the age to really enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas (she loves singing Christmas songs too). Even Mathias is comprehending a fair bit, and often says mimas and moman (Christmas and snowman). As the kids grow, we look forward to teaching them the truth of Christmas, and pray that they will each come to know Jesus personally.



We are thankful for the ways God continues to teach us and grow us as we serve here in Québec. How thankful we are for His continued faithfulness and love for us as we grow in knowing Him and seeking His direction and plan for us here in La Belle Province.



By God's grace, and for His glory,
Josiah and Elizabeth Coates

