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Spring has come a little early this year, and as the last traces of snow are almost gone, we are thankful to be able to spend more time outside. Maybe I should specify, we are thankful the *kids* are able to go outside more to use up their energy after all the time stuck indoors during winter! Though of course, we all appreciate getting out more to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

The kids certainly are growing, and are all developing and learning in their own ways. Lydia is beginning to learn and trace letters with some preschool material, and often asks how to say certain things in French. Even Mathias, who is also talking quite a bit now, is learning to say a few words in French. We appreciate your prayers for our children, especially that they would all come to know the Lord one day.

Unfortunately, due to the weather we were unable to have the teen activity we had planned at our place, though I am getting more involved with the teens this coming year. Lord willing we will be having more regular youth activities, and are praying for God to work in our teens' hearts. Our last activity was this past weekend, which I was able to organize and lead. We had a great time, and I look forward to seeing what the Lord will do with the young people in our church.

Thank you to all who prayed for the pastor's meeting at the end of March. We had around 13 pastors and church leaders attend, and we praise God for the wonderful time of reconnecting and fellowship we had. The main emphasis of this meeting was simply to reconnect with other pastors, as much fellowship among the pastors in the province dwindled through the Covid years. Most of the meeting was spent sharing testimonies of how the Lord worked in each pastor's life and ministry in the past few years. God answered our prayers, as there was truly such a sweet spirit of openness and



honesty in each testimony, and the Lord orchestrated a true unity for which we prayed. Everyone left encouraged and rejoicing, and Lord willing we will have two of these meetings each year. Please continue to pray that God would do a work in our Québec churches through these meetings!



The Lord is providing me many opportunities this year to preach, for which I am thankful as it is a great way for me to grow both in my French and in the ministry. The Lord is also opening up a unique door of opportunity for our church to minister this summer in an isolated native community in northern Québec. There are yet many details to be confirmed, but please pray with us for God's clear direction in this exciting opportunity. Also, pray for our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord in this isolated area of Great Whale River.



Finally, please be in prayer for our neighbour, Jacob. He moved in to the apartment below us last July, and with his work schedule it has been a challenge getting to meet him and know him a little better. It seems he is either not at home, working from home, or sleeping during the day due to his schedule. That being said, since our address is 28, and his is 28A, occasionally his mail arrives in our mailbox, so in bringing him his mail I have had occasional opportunities to chat with him briefly.



One of these times I invited him over for coffee when he is available sometime. Previously I had mentioned that we work at a church in the area, and more recently while bringing him his mail he asked about this. When I mentioned it is a Baptist church he asked what the difference is between Catholic and Baptist. I told him that was a great question and something we could definitely chat about over coffee sometime. The next time, he brought it up that he was definitely interested in talking about it. Praise the Lord for this open door! Please pray that God would provide an opportunity for us to sit down and share the gospel with Jacob.



We are excited for the many opportunities God is leading in this year. Thank you for faithfully keeping us in your prayers.



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