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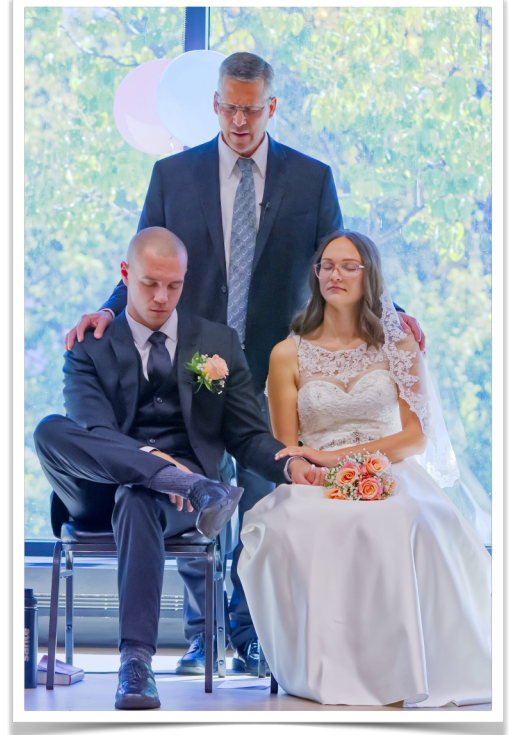
“And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” - Mark 10:13-14

This passage in Mark was a key part of a recent meeting with members of both our church and of l'Église Baptiste de la Vieille Capitale. We have seen God's clear direction for our next step of ministry here in Québec, which will be to help lead both churches in establishing a regular children's Sunday school program. This has been needed for some time, and the greatest need is to see church members involved and able to take on responsibility. At Vieille Capitale specifically, all the burden of leadership was on the pastor's wife, and while church members helped, no one was equipped to take the leadership. This became too much for her, which in part contributed to their needed recent furlough. During this time, Pastor Campbell asked me to pray about working with them to equip and train the people to be able to take on this responsibility and alleviate the burden on his wife. As we prayed about it, and recognized this same need at our own church, God's leading became clear.

And so a few weeks ago we had our first joint meeting with both churches to cast the vision for the children's ministry. I will be working with Pastor Campbell to provide training to members of both churches so that they may grow to take on the leadership and responsibility to continue the children's ministry. We appreciate your prayers for us in this new responsibility and endeavour. Please pray specifically that God would establish and equip His people to do the work, and also that we would see much fruit from this ministry and children saved and growing in the Lord for His glory.

We also need the Lord's wisdom in regards to His timing as to when the people are ready to take the leadership and we move to what He has for us next.

September was a busy month for us, as we had several visitors to our home throughout the month, including a supporting pastor and his wife who came to the area to visit us, as well as Elizabeth's parents who spent a week with us. In September we also had Christophe and Amélie's wedding, which was certainly a busy but blessed time. Many unsaved family and friends were present and heard the gospel clearly several times. Please pray that God would work in the hearts of those who received the seed of the Word of God, and that He would bring the increase in His time.



I just finished a project with a man from our church who has worked to translate many songs to French with his wife, and who has also composed several original songs. One of his most recent we made into a music video to share online in order to bless and encourage those who listen. Pray that this would edify believers and also be used to touch the lost and point them to the Saviour.

I am so thankful that God provides for every need as we serve Him. As our family grows there may be some needs in the near future (i.e. a bigger home/apartment, and upgrading to a van from our SUV). We do not have financial needs in these regards at the moment, but I simply mention it to ask you to pray with us for God's wisdom and direction regarding these possible upcoming needs.

Thank you for continuing to uphold us in prayer as we follow God's leading one step at a time. We look forward to seeing the work God will accomplish in the months ahead as we follow Him in this next step.

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