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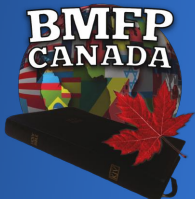
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Sometimes God's plans look just a little bit different than ours. And not only when we have our own ideas and plans that we think up; at times, after seeking God's guidance and sensing His leading in a certain area, we come to realize that exactly what He has in store is not quite what we thought. Sometimes (perhaps I should say most times), God wants us to move forward in faith responding to the direction He has given, and then He will continue to clarify His will as we obey. Whatever the case may be, His way is always perfect.

On Sunday, May 24, we began working in the children's ministry at Église Baptiste de la Vieille Capitale. We knew this was what God was leading us to at the time, and, by faith, we planned to be present every other Sunday in order to help, while continuing at St. Augustin where we are still involved in various aspects of the ministry. As we began ministering there, and had regular meetings with Pastor Campbell, God made it clear our presence was needed there every week. And so, since May 24, we have been at Vieille Capitale Sunday mornings, while continuing to be present at St. Augustin Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Please be in prayer for everyone during this transition: our home church is having to adjust to no piano during the morning service for the time being, though Vieille Capitale is enjoying finally having someone to play the piano again. There are also many details to work through in the weeks ahead to re-establish a regular Sunday School program and train the



necessary workers. Between nursery, kid's Sunday School, and youth group there can be upwards of 30 kids on any given Sunday, and the pastor's wife has been dealing with most of the weight of these ministries for some time without regular help. For now, I am taking ages 10-15 and treating it as a sort of hybrid youth group. So far it has been going well connecting with these young people and providing a regular program for them each Sunday. Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom in selecting the right person to train to take on the responsibility of this ministry, and also in training reliable help for the other children's ministry needs.



There are many uncertainties as we move ahead, but we continue faithfully trusting in the One who continues to faithfully lead in His plan, to accomplish His purpose and bring Him the glory. I would ask that you continue to pray for the Campbell family at this time as well, and that we would truly be a help as we work alongside them in the ministry.



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

