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I am so thankful that in serving the Lord we need not find our own way and figure things out on our own, but rather that it is He who leads us in His perfect way. Though admittedly it can at times be the hardest thing to do, all we must do is simply depend on our good and loving God and follow Him. Praise God for His love and grace as we all learn to trust Him more!

This has certainly been the case for us as we serve here in Québec. God continues to lead in His timing for us to take part in His plan. We are excited to share how the Lord is leading in our ministry, but with it an important prayer request. The missionary pastor of Pastor Roy's sending church will be on furlough in the States from the end of October until roughly May of 2025. This time away has been necessitated for their family due to some difficult family situations. I will be stepping in to help this church by preaching once a month in their absence. Through prayer and Pastor Roy's guidance we see this as a next step of our preparation in pastoral ministry experience. Please pray for us in this time as we serve in this way, but especially for l'Église Baptiste de la Vieille Capitale (Old Capital Baptist Church) during the absence of their pastor, as well as for the pastor and his family to have the rest and restoration they need on their furlough. We know God has something special in store to help and grow His people here in Québec, and we are excited to see how the Lord will use us in this opportunity.

Our children are growing so fast, and it is a blessing to see who they are becoming. Lydia will be five in February, and she has recently learned to write her name and do some basic math. The twins just celebrated their third birthday













last week! They are getting to be very big boys, and Mathias also just learned to ride a bike, which he enjoys doing while the kids can get outside before it gets too cold. We also look forward to seeing our boys as big brothers, as God is blessing our family with a fourth child, due in May. We are thankful for this special blessing from the Lord. Please pray for Elizabeth during the pregnancy, especially with the extra fatigue while having to care for three other children. I still help extra as I am able, but continually need the Lord's wisdom to find the necessary balance. We are thankful that everything is going well at this point.

We praise God for His faithfulness and kindness to us as He leads us in His paths. What a privilege to serve the Lord of Lords and King of Kings! We thank you for your continued prayers as we follow God's leading for our service to Him here in French Canada.

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