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Corrie Ten Boom once said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." I am so glad we can rest in this truth, and that God does not expect us to figure everything out, but simply to grow in knowing Him more. Everything else flows out of this relationship. It is my prayer that this would remain my focus through all the unknowns that life brings our way.

Even in undesirable moments God is often at work. For us recently, the undesirable moment was a water leak from our dishwasher causing damage to the flooring in our apartment. Praise the Lord that between our insurance and the landlord's insurance the repairs should be covered, but please pray that all will continue to go smoothly. We are still waiting on details of when the work will be done, and we will have to be out of the house during the repairs, hence some of the unknown. Our insurance covers any living expenses due to being displaced during repairs, but it will still certainly be a bit stressful for the family, so we would certainly appreciate your prayers in the days ahead.

Even in such circumstances God has a plan. Last week I was able to chat some with one of the workers who came to assess the work to be done, and through the conversation was able to very briefly share the gospel (at least the difference between Baptists and Catholics) and invited him to church. He had an interest and was open to learning more, so pray for him that either through the invitation or the gospel tract he received the Lord would work in his heart. Praise the Lord for water leaks if it leads to gospel opportunities!

This week marks 27 weeks for the pregnancy, and so far everything is going well. Early on in the pregnancy we were transferred to a new midwife, as the one Elizabeth had been with previously could not continue to follow the













pregnancy due to a family situation. While we have to travel much further for each appointment, the transition has gone very well, and we are thankful to be with a midwife who is comfortable doing a home birth even though we are a bit further from the hospital. Pray that it could be a home birth, as it would be a blessing for Elizabeth after her past several birth experiences being at the hospital in rather stressful circumstances. The last blood work also showed she is low in iron, so pray that this could be regulated with supplements before the birth, and that doing so would restore Elizabeth's energy.

Continue to pray for the young men I have the opportunity to encourage weekly during our video calls. Two in particular feel a call to the ministry in some way, and are seeking God's will for their future. Pastor Roy is doing some Bible and doctrine classes with them, but they are also prayerfully considering Bible college as a possibility. I am thankful God is answering prayers for more labourers! Please pray for these young men as they grow and prepare for the ministry. Let us also not cease to pray for many more, as there remains such a need here in Québec.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us as we serve here in Québec, especially for wisdom in any changes that may come in the year ahead of us. Whatever unknowns we face, we know the One who has planned every step and goes before us, leading in love.

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