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Summer has flown by, and here in Québec Autumn is already fast approaching as we are beginning to see cooler temperatures in the forecast this week. Last week we returned home after our six week trip in B.C., and the Lord blessed us with a good time visiting family and many supporting churches while out west. Thank you for praying for our trip. While everyone was tired and ready to return home by the end, we are thankful to have had the opportunity to see many friends and report on how God has been working here in Québec. I praise God that He gave Elizabeth the needed strength to travel and visit so many churches with the kids. Pray for her to get some good rest this week as we adjust back to being home.

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I could never share all that God did during our time in B.C. We had a wonderful time at our family reunion, especially as our kids got to meet their cousins for the first time. They all had great fun together! I was also able to connect with my brother in a way we had never been able to growing up, and we all enjoyed a relaxing week together. I am especially thankful for all the opportunities to share with many churches a greater look at the tremendous need for the gospel here in Québec.

As we returned to our church this past Sunday, it was a blessing to see God at work here among the Québécois, and to see people returning to church as well as new faces in church. However, with these blessings comes much spiritual opposition, and there are many in the church facing difficult spiritual attacks in various ways. Pray for God to continue to work and get the victory, that we could see a true revival in this province that has been a stronghold of satan for so long!













Please continue to pray for two young Québec men who are growing in the Lord and actively preparing for the ministry. I have mentioned Christophe before, and I am excited to share that he is getting married next month! God has been at work in a tremendous way in he and his fiancée's life, and it is encouraging to see their zeal for the Lord and putting Him first in their lives. Amélie, his fiancée, just joined membership in our church this Sunday. Pray for their preparation of a life together, and that God would guide them in His will for their future ministry here in Québec. Pray also for their wedding on September 20, as many of their unsaved family and friends will likely be present, and the entire wedding will have a large gospel emphasis.

As we continue in our service here on the mission field, please pray as we keep seeking the Lord's clear guidance for our next step. It was a blessing during our trip to chat with many pastors and friends and receive various advice. I love how I heard it once: Following God's will is not just about doing something for God; it is seeing where God is already at work and participating in what He is accomplishing. Now that we are back I look forward to seeing where He is at work and sensing His hand of leading to participate in His work. Only He can accomplish it, only He is worthy of the glory, and what a privilege it is to be used by Him through His power in us in the ministry of reconciliation.

Thank you for continuing to faithfully pray for us and the many needs here in French Canada. I truly believe God is at work and preparing to do a great work among the Québécois. I pray that God would find us faithful and ready for the work He wants to accomplish for His glory.

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