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As 2026 is underway and we are already in February, it seems our first “false spring” has arrived. After many weeks of cold, the past few days we have seen a few temperatures above 0. On sunny days the snow begins to melt, and the kids can play outside without bundling up like eskimos! But alas, any joy of anticipation for Spring is shattered as this tease of Spring ends, and we are plunged back into extreme cold and usually at least two snow storms in March.

I am very thankful that while the weather might act this way, nothing our Lord does is false. While sometimes we cannot see what He is doing, He always works in truth. His promises are sure, and we rest on these promises as we depend on Him to accomplish His work in His church for His glory!

Despite continuing challenges for many in our church, God is clearly at work. In January the Lord brought a young man in the area to us through a connection in Michigan. We received an email from someone in Michigan who has a friend in St. Augustin who, while previously not interested in church or religion, had some difficulties arise in his life and was looking for a church. Actually, we came to find out these two young men have never met, but made a connection online through computer gaming. We were able to connect with Raphael, who began coming to church and meeting during the week with Pastor Roy. The Lord was clearly already at work in his life, as at the end of the month Raphael received Jesus as his Saviour! He has since been faithful in church, and is even joining the other young men who are taking theology classes on the weekends. We are preparing for a baptism service in a few weeks. Please pray for Raphael to grow in his faith, and that God would continue to send us many such young people who are searching for truth!



It is very exciting that we now have three young men who have been saved in recent years (Raphael, Christophe, and Mike from our sister church). Pray that God would lead each of them into His will for their lives. We will be having all three of them over to our house this week for some fellowship. What a blessing it is to have a part in encouraging these young Christians as they seek to serve the Lord, and I must admit they are each a great encouragement and blessing to me personally as well.



The children's Sunday School program in our church has been going well, and very soon I will be giving more leadership in this to Christophe so I may begin to help at Vielle Capitale as well. We continue to need the Lord's wisdom in establishing this program to ensure it will continue once we leave. The children we currently have are engaging well with the lessons and learning. We pray they will come to know God personally and have a personal walk with Him.



We are also beginning to pray about where the Lord will lead us next. There is much yet to be done before we leave, but I believe the time is nearing. The Lord brought us here to grow in the ministry on the mission field and to be prepared before moving to the next step, and I feel that we have accomplished all we can. I'm not sure how to explain it, but I don't mean to say we've arrived, because we never will. The Christian life is a continuous journey of growth and learning to depend on God. However, I have a sense that God will soon lead us to the next step that will allow us to grow in new ways. To that end, pray with us that God would raise up more faithful laypeople in the church to continue the work when He decides to move us.



Thank you for your continued and faithful prayers and support for our family as we follow Him! We also want to thank all those who sent special Christmas gifts; these were certainly a blessing and help for our family, and we greatly appreciate your love and encouragement. We are excited to see what the Lord will do in the year ahead as we remain faithful to our faithful God.



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

