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For as long as we have been living in Québec, it still amazes me the difference in Spring between here and where I grew up in British Columbia. While they have already seen tree blossoms and spring bulbs such as daffodils bloom, our lake is still frozen over with ice! Though we still have the occasional minus 0 over night, our days are finally consistently above freezing and the snow has started to melt significantly. The Christian life is kind of the same way: not everyone is at the same place in their spiritual walk. The beautiful thing is that God is loving and patient with all of us, and does not see any of us different from another, because He sees Jesus in us. He sees us as who we truly are, His children growing in grace to become more like Him as Jesus produces His life in us. May God help us to not compare ourselves with others but to see Him and His work in our lives, and press towards the mark of the true goal: Jesus.

In this reality that not everyone is at the same place in their walk with God, we can too often focus on the negative and those who are not doing well, rather than the positive works God is accomplishing. We must simply trust the work of the Holy Spirit in individual lives to accomplish His work, the work only He can do!

God is certainly at work in many lives here in Québec. Raphael was baptized at the beginning of March, and has been growing in his faith in tremendous ways. Just last week I had the opportunity to take him to the Faithway Baptist Church Spring Bible Conference in Ontario. We had a blessed time of fellowship, and he enjoyed learning more about the Bible and the Christian life throughout the trip. Please continue to pray for him to grow and to know God's will for his life. God allows us to have regular fellowship and discipleship with the group of young men in our churches, and it is exciting to see God at work in the younger generation in Québec!

I have recently handed the leadership of the Sunday School program to Christophe, who is doing a great job leading and teaching the children. Pray for him as he takes this



responsibility and grows in his ministry, especially as he is praying about God's direction for his future Bible studies in preparation for full time ministry in the future. Pastor Roy, Pastor Campbell and myself have also met recently to discuss our partial transition to help at Vieille Capitale. Within the next month or two, we will begin working with Pastor Campbell in an assistant role to help equip the church members to take on more responsibility and remove some of the burden from the Pastor's family. We appreciate your prayers for this as we plan on being there every other week for the time being, and as we wait on God's direction for the following steps in this and the timeframe of how long we will be working with them, as the plan is for this to be temporary until God opens a door for His next calling.



We also have some very exciting news to share! Last Saturday, Lydia came to me before breakfast in the morning and said, "Daddy, a few nights ago I asked God to forgive me, and it worked! The next morning, I felt Him in my heart and heard Him say 'I forgive you.'" This was certainly wonderful to hear, and after asking her a few questions, it seems she has truly and simply placed her faith in Jesus to save her. We have shared the gospel many times over the years, and have always tried to emphasize the difference between head knowledge and heart faith. I told her many times I never want to pressure her into a decision, and that it is a personal decision she has to make one day when she truly believes and feels God's conviction in her heart. She has had a head knowledge for some time, and could correctly answer all the questions about the gospel. I am sure many times I could have asked her if she wanted to "pray and ask Jesus to save her" and she would have, but I want her faith to be in Jesus and not a prayer she prayed. We know God will reveal in time where her faith truly lies, but so far I believe we can see some fruit in her life and evidence of true faith. In this, we rejoice!



God is good, and we praise Him for His continued grace to our family. It is a privilege to be here serving Him, knowing all the glory belongs to the one who enables us by His grace to serve Him. We are excited to see all God will do in the months ahead as we move forward in ways that will continue to grow us in our ministry.



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

