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I was reminded this morning that we never really need to ask God to work; He has promised to do so, and is constantly at work, both in our lives and the lives of those around us. The question is, will we join God in the work He is already doing? I have always loved this quote from a book I read while in college by Henry Blackaby - *"We forget that when God speaks, He always reveals what He is going to do, not what He wants us to do for Him. We join Him so He works through us. We are not called upon to accomplish the task by our ingenuity, ability, or limited resources. With faith, we can proceed confidently because we know He is going to bring to pass what He purposes."*

What a wonderful thought that God is always at work, and invites us to take part in His work. Finding and following God's will can be seen this way also: see where God is already at work and listen for His call to participate in His work.

Such has been the case for many here in Québec so far in 2026. Several in our church have been led this year to get involved full time with a suicide prevention ministry, which focuses on door-knocking in every town and village in the province to share suicide prevention literature with those who are desperate and without hope, with each book being heavily gospel centred. Each door also receives a gospel of John. There are countless testimonies of people who have been receptive, and many opportunities to share Christ with the lost and hurting. God is at work here.



When I began and continued the children's Sunday School class at our church, Christophe felt led to learn and serve in this ministry as we transitioned to working at Vieille Capitale. Additionally, Raphael has taken on running the sound and livestream ministry so this will continue in our absence. God is at work here.



While there is yet much work to do with the children's ministry at Vieille Capitale, Mike, who is preparing to study and train for the ministry, and Justin, another young man in the church, have stepped up to work with me and be trained to continue this ministry teaching the children. We are yet praying for more to be involved, but God is at work here.



Thank you for praying for each of these individuals and needs, as well as for us as we continue serving and preparing for what the Lord has ahead. We would also appreciate your prayers for us as we will be heading to the States for several weeks in September. The primary purpose of this trip is to attend the stateside retreat with our mission board, but we will also be visiting Elizabeth's family in West Virginia, as well as a few supporting churches along the way.



As we wait on God's timing and clear direction for the next step for us, I know it will have nothing to do with what we can do for God, but everything to do with what He is doing and inviting us to join in His work. In the mean time, we strive to be faithful in what He has given us to do now and to continue growing "...in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." - 2 Peter 3:18



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

