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The past few months have been quite busy, and we are thankful for God's hand faithfully leading us. We definitely appreciate the continued prayers of God's people for our family and ministry. They are certainly quite needed right now!

The need for labourers here in Québec is still tremendous. In late August, I was contacted by a church in the Gatineau region asking me to preach for them, as their pastor passed away from a sudden heart attack in March of this year. Since his passing, the church has been through some very difficult situations that has left them with very few people. Without going into details, let's just say a complete church restart is essentially the only path forward. Please pray for God to send more labourers to this needy province so this church may continue!

Thank you for praying for our trip to the States in September. God blessed us with a wonderful time reporting to a few supporting churches and visiting with our mission board family and Elizabeth's family. We unfortunately all got quite sick the last week of our trip and had to return home a few days early, missing the last few days of the missions conference we were at. In fact, it took everyone almost 3 weeks to fully recover. I suppose the drastic change from Québec's cooler nights to mid-30's daytime temperatures of Tennessee, followed by the return to almost freezing nighttime temperatures at home, has its effects!

We also praise the Lord for His provision and protection during our trip. We are still driving the vehicle we purchased before our deputation, and while it is a reliable SUV, it has reached 344,000 km. During our trip, we had an engine light come on which caused a few concerns, but after a few days the light and the engine issues causing it went away. It seems to be running fine since then, but the possibility of engine issues, and the need for a bigger vehicle for our family, has led us to begin our search for a minivan. Please pray for God's provision in the months ahead of the right van for our family.

Since our return to Québec at the end of September, much has been happening, and much prayer is needed in the days and months ahead. I cannot go into details at the moment, but circumstances have come up in the past few weeks that are likely to lead to a transition for us very soon. Prayerfully I will be able to give more details in our next letter or in the early new year. Needless to say, we need clear direction from the Lord for our family in the next step of ministry He has for us, and we are confident that He will lead according to His will in His time. We greatly appreciate your prayers for us in this time.

While the need here in Québec is immense, what a comfort that the infinite, gracious Creator of the universe is the One Who goes before us and is able to accomplish that which is impossible for us in our own ability.

By God's grace, and for His glory,

Josiah and Elizabeth Coates