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Dear partners,
Dear churches of Quebec,

*From him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever! Amen! Rom. 11.36*

Since we last wrote in April, we have been encouraged by the Lord in several different ways. Christmas celebrations remind me especially of God's faithfulness to accomplish His promise. His faithfulness is still manifested today:

Family

- Julie continues to do discipleship training with Anick and is bearing fruit as she works partime at Saint-Vincent school.
- Anthony married his sweet Marie-Ève last September 21st. Wow! We, as parents, were so happy and proud.
- Josué is continuing his studies to be a physical education teacher and is doing very well in his internships.
- Raphaël has begun his courses in plumbing/heating and is officially responsible for the youth group in Saint-Césaire.
- Zachary has begun his training with the SEMBEQ MJ Academy for youth. He too is maturing and taking responsibilities.
- Ézéchiél is deepening his faith as he participates in his fellowship small group and seeks earnestly to be a witness at school.

Coaching

Since September, I have been working hard on the Relance Coaching SEMBEQ project along with a good team. I have a vision and am convinced that increasing the quantity and quality of coaching will make a big difference for the students of our seminary and for our churches. I am already involved in training several students. However, training competent coaches is still an interesting challenge.

Evangelisation

Because «everyone can make a disciple», I have the privilege of training 22 people in evangelising. I train these 22 people from 10 different churches, including six pastors, In an I am 2nd cohort. My goal is to equip these believers in developing disciple making movements. It is exciting to see believers apply the principles in their daily lives with the people around them. We have seen several conversions. Praise the Lord!

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Along with other teachers, I do part of the training of 18 SEMBEQ students in the Impacting my community with the Gospel program (L'évangélisation, le rayonnement de l'Évangile dans ma communauté). Once again, I see students stimulated to put into practice the principles learned in class through an impact project in their local church.

Planting

I am still happy to help several churches and church plant projects in Quebec. The Plateau Mont-Royal Church is now established and is already planning to plant a new church in Montreal. The Beloeil project in the Montérégie region is growing very well under Stephan Tessier's ministry. Lastly, at least 3 churches are considering starting over again with a church plant project.

Montérégie

This region is developing, consolidating and collaborating more and more with other churches. The following vision was proposed this fall: One church in several cities, a torch-light in each city" (Une Église dans plusieurs villes, un flambeau dans chaque ville) according to Philippians 2:15.

I praise the Lord for:

- The direction taken by the St-Hubert Church. By God's grace, I have been able to serve as pastor and catalyst in the past months. They have just voted in their first elder. A search committee is working on selecting a new main pastor. The church wants to start up an evangelising program again.
- The integration of the Chambly church in the regional collaboration. I will have the privilege of accompanying them as they seek a new pastor.
- The Farnham Church's official steps in the Association. I have the privilege of coaching and accompanying the present pastor.
- The two pastoral groups in the Montérégie who agree together on a vision of collaboration in order to develop a movement of the Gospel, and to refuse stagnation as a monument.
- The help given through the Vitality Pathway program with which I am working to revitalize our churches.
- The Lord's work in the Flambeau Church which went through a great trial in the past year. A fire ravaged a part of the building, but through this trial the Lord has accomplished a deepened unity.
- The grace to be able to serve the Longueuil Espoir Church in reinforcing evangelisation and developing a disciple making movement. I have already begun training six people.

So, there it is! The year is ending under God's watchful eye. I am grateful for who He is and what He has done.

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