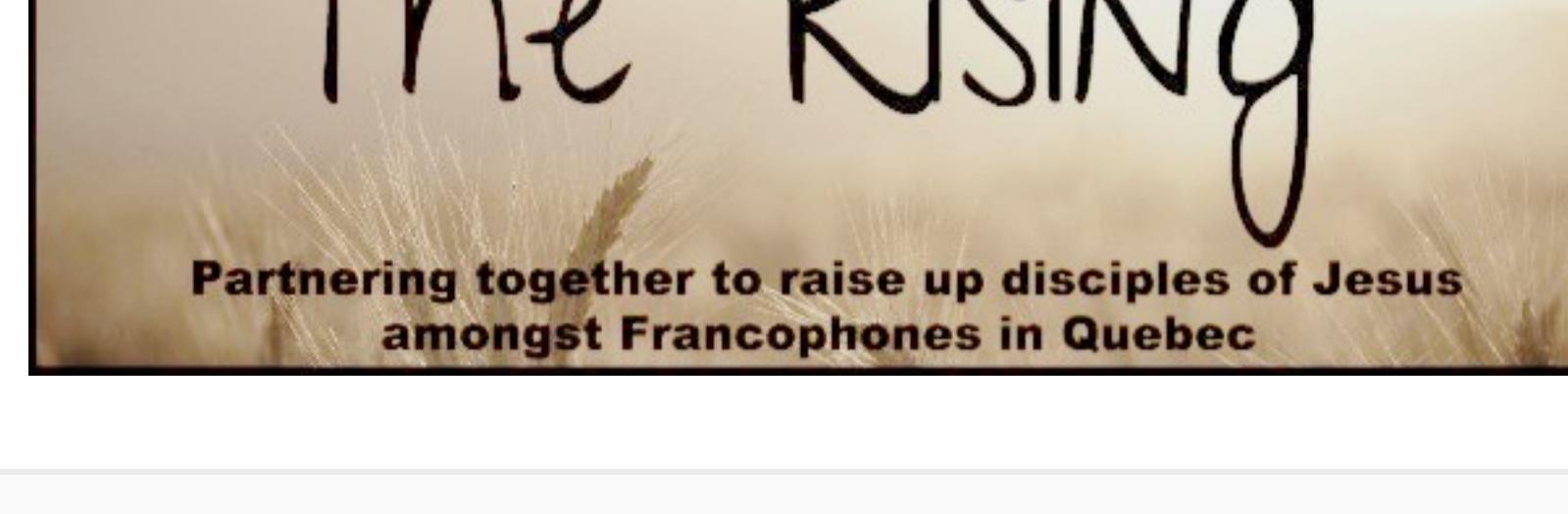


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### Time to Hit the Button...



At the beginning of September we looked forward to the new phase of ministry here in Quebec with a bit of fear and trepidation, but also with hope and a longing to see how the Lord would lead us. We were just coming out of the last stages of confinement and had great hope that life would resume a greater measure of "normalcy". This would in turn allow us greater freedom and possibilities in connecting with people to share the Gospel and engage in reading the Bible together.

Well two weeks into September the wheels started to come off the bus (as you all know). Here in Quebec we watched as the government instituted a new system of classifying each region of the province in terms of its number of COVID cases and risk. Each classification (from green to yellow on to orange and finally red) comes with a deepening of restrictions and confinement. Our region, the Laurentians, is in close proximity to the city of Montreal and so we quickly found ourselves classified as a red zone. This meant that we were returning to a greater measure of confinement and inability to meet with people in homes or out in coffee shops, etc. It left us wondering again how we were going to meet people, develop connections and discover People of Peace. We felt stuck.

In the midst of all of this we realized that something was missing. With the summer, ramp up to the start of school and everything that came with September our movement of prayer had frozen in place.

When we have issues with something technical we eventually turn to the one button that holds all our hopes for a return to proper functionality – the reset button. Hitting the reset button means that something has stopped working and needs to be restarted. That's how we feel about our focus and participation in a movement of prayer for a deep impact of the Gospel among Francophones in our region and throughout Quebec – we need to hit the reset button. This doesn't mean a massive change in any way. It simply means we need to get this working again.

There are 600,000 people who live in our region. An audacious, God-sized vision would be that in time we could say, like Paul did in Acts 19, that all the people living in this region have heard the word of the Lord. We dream, we pray that God would do a mighty work in and through us and that many, many Francophone Quebecois would turn and follow Jesus and that we will be able to say one day that everyone in this region has heard the Good News. This vision is crazy, it's impossible (for us) and it will be a battle, but we believe that God can fulfill this dream, this vision. Prayer will be the foundation and the fuel for this vision. We dream of seeing a growing, multiplying wave of people praying, interceding for the work here in the Laurentians region.

Please read below for more info on our prayer strategy reset and how you can connect or reconnect with us in prayer.

### Movement of Prayer RESET

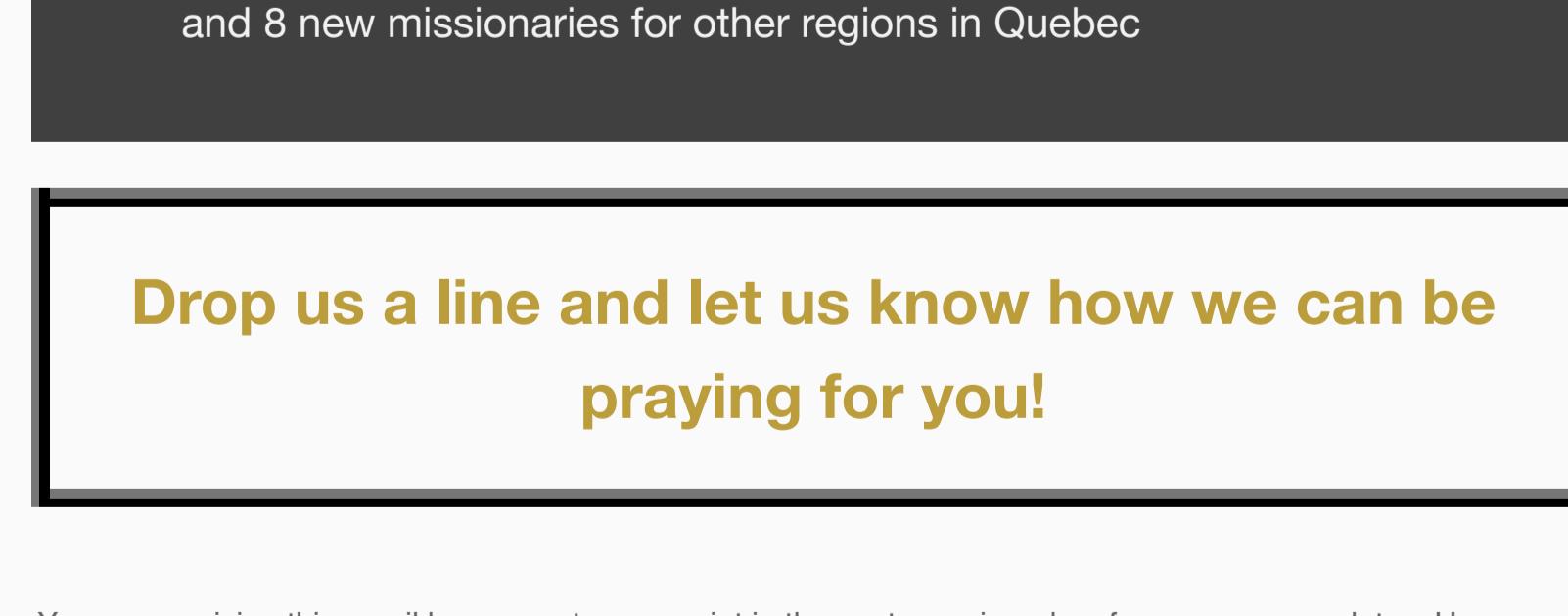
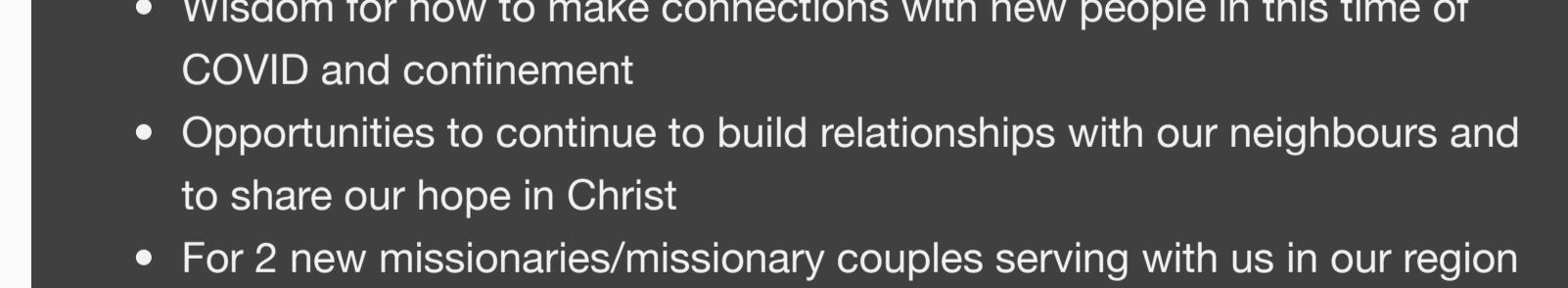
**2:22 Daily Prayer** – At 2:22pm each day we'll stop to pray for the 2 of us and a movement of Disciple-Making here in Quebec, 2 People of Peace and 2 new Disciple-Makers (2 new missionaries for the Harvest here – care of Matthew 9:37,38)

**Fasting to Pray** – The last Tuesday of each month we're setting aside to fast throughout the day so that we can focus on praying for Quebec in general, the Laurentians region specifically and for a movement of Disciple-Making among Francophones in this region.

**ZOOM Prayer** – Once every quarter we'll gather on Zoom to pray together for each other and for the work on the ground here.

**Prayer Visits** – We are continuing to work to prepare our home, in faith, that we will be able to host people in our home for week-ends of prayer. These are an opportunity for you to serve with us onsite.

I would like to sign up or re-sign up to take part in one of the prayer strategies!



### Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for how to make connections with new people in this time of COVID and confinement
- Opportunities to continue to build relationships with our neighbours and to share our hope in Christ
- For 2 new missionaries/missionary couples serving with us in our region and 8 new missionaries for other regions in Quebec

Drop us a line and let us know how we can be praying for you!

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