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La Rentrée

Ramping up, Return to School and Refocusing on the vision

With the end of the Labour Day week-end comes the long awaited (and maybe dreaded) return to school and the restart of many activities and programs. For us September is not only the start of the new school year, but it is also very much the moment where many facets of ministry restart. It is, again, a good moment for us to stop and refocus.

As we mentioned in our last update with the start of this new ministry year we are refocusing on our vision which is to see all people living in our region, les Laurentides, have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, see it lived out in their midst and be disciples. This is not just our God-given, God-sized vision, but our church's as well.

Prayer

Again and again we are confronted with the reality that prayer is the foundation and fuel of the work of the harvest here. There is nothing of eternal value that we can do on our own. We have been struggling for over a year to find a helpful tool that would allow us to serve together effectively with all of our partners in prayer. We thought we had that tool before the summer, but in the end decided that we needed something different. So we will be working with two close friends to develop and launch a mobile application that will facilitate this ministry of prayer.



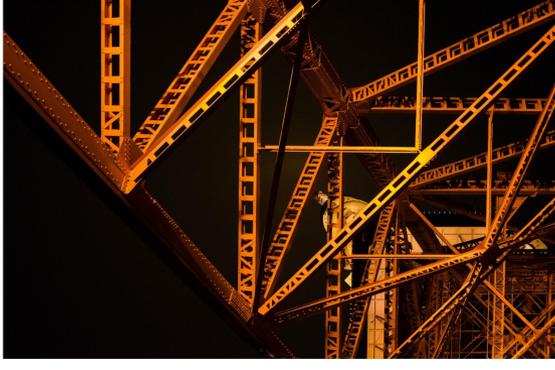
Recruitment

In order to reach the over 650 000 people who live in our region and the over 7 million Francophones who call Quebec home we need more workers. As we pray we will also be working on a project to engage local churches here and abroad to share the vision and need in Quebec and recruit new workers for the harvest here. Chris is beginning to plan a trip to Colombia to recruit pastors and missionaries to come and work among hispanophones and francophones.

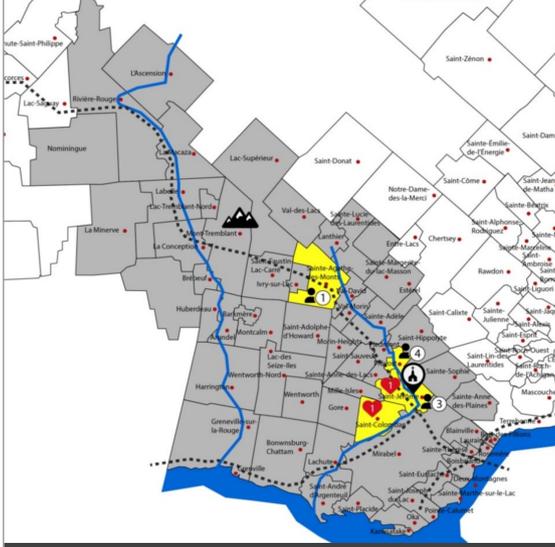


Structure

We are praying that the Lord of the Harvest will send out workers for the harvest. And as he does we are keenly aware of the need to be able to receive, help integrate and care for these new missionaries into this mission field. We also want to see our missionaries working in alignment with our local churches and the region. In order to facilitate all of that we need to continue to build this structure with the Mission Québec team. We will be working on developing key partnerships with mission organizations, new resources for missionaries here and better processes and tools for missionary care and accountability.



I will pray for the new opportunities for the Gospel in the Laurentians Region



The Laurentians Region (Les Laurentides)

For Prayer

- **Praise** - We had a great time of vacation this summer that was timely and refreshing. We are so grateful for God's provision in many ways over our time away. Our trip to New Brunswick was incredible and we got to know some wonderful people while we were there.
- **Our neighbours** - We got word this week-end that our neighbours who moved in beside us last September are officially breaking up and putting their house on the market. This is sad on many different levels and means that Ethan will be losing one of his friends in the neighbourhood.
- **Vision** - Please pray for us as we seek to serve the Lord in our region and in the province. Pray with us in regards to the mobile prayer app, recruitment of new missionaries and development of our missionary structure with Mission Québec.
- **L in Sara's discovery group** - L still doesn't have a job which is understandably causing a lot of anxiety for her and her family as she is the main income earner. Please continue to pray for a job and also that she would recognize God's hand in her life and her current circumstances and in His provision for her.
- **Aunt Ruth** - Sara's aunt passed away suddenly on August 1. She was in declining health but was doing ok but she passed away only a couple days after ending up in the hospital again. Sara and Ethan were able to get to Ontario for the funeral which was a blessing. Thank you for all your prayers on her behalf over the past number of months.
- **Language Helper** - pray for us as we look for a good language helper to help the boys. They are both doing well but they both have different gaps in their French that need to be addressed.



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