O COME LET US ADORE HIM

We believe the gospel — the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, the Son of God alone — is of first importance for all men and women of every tribe, tongue and nation everywhere on this earth. We believe, as followers of Christ, we are heralds of this good news.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Merry Christmas from our two families! We are all back in Sioux Lookout after some fruitful trips to Nova Scotia and Southern Ontario. If we had the privilege of sharing our hearts with you about our upcoming missions work in Quebec, thank you again for giving us that opportunity. Unfortunately our time was limited during these visits, but if you've been keeping tabs on us so far and would like to know more or chat further, please take some time amidst all the holiday craziness to reach out to one of us four.

What a marvelous reality that God himself would come to this earth in the person of Jesus Christ to save his people from their sins (Mt. 1:21). It has been God's plan from all eternity to ransom for himself a people that will live with and enjoy him forever. During the Christmas season we are

reminded again about the magnitude of God's mission to save people all over the world. God sent his Son Jesus as the only name under heaven given amongst men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas time, came as a little baby, truly human yet truly God. He lived a sinless life that we could not live, was crucified, died and was buried. The third day he rose again from the dead and declared victory over sin and death so that we might live with him forever.



GLORY AND WONDER

The reality of God's plans to save sinners goes a step further in glory and wonder. How can it be that the almighty God of the universe would invite us, your family and our family, to be a part of his plan of saving people all over the world? The resurrected Jesus who holds "all authority in heaven and on earth" (Matt 28:1) commissions us, his followers: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt. 28:19-20a). How glorious! The Jesus we celebrate at Christmas commissions us, his people, to be the means by which he will save other people all across the globe. As we go to fulfill his purpose for us he declares, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (v. 20b). At Christmas we celebrate Immanuel (God with us) and we trust his promise that he is indeed with us as we go and make disciples of all nations. It is our prayer that you and your family will play an active role as part of God's glorious plan of salvation.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The past couple of months we have had the privilege of beginning to reach out to potential partners, share our vision for missions and church planting in Quebec and invite people into partnership with us. We are wholly dependent on God to provide all that we need as we pursue his call to Quebec. We firmly trust that God will provide through the generous support of people like you who desire to see disciples made, churches planted and Jesus' name magnified where it currently is not. We are encouraged to share with you that we have received commitments for approximately 30% of our monthly support. If you and/or your family would like to partner with us for the sake of the gospel in Quebec, please visit our partnership link at Mission Quebec:

https://missionqc.org/en/laustsen-and-murray-family/

In Christ,

The Laustsen and Murray Family

