

WE FOUND A HOME!

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.

JULY UPDATE

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for every moment you've brought us before the Lord in prayer. It's hard to believe we're already heading into August! In some ways we hardly know where July went and in other ways, this pre-move string of months feels extremely long and drawn out. We're both excited and nervous to get in a car and make the drive to Montreal, but also very sad that it is also a drive away from Sioux Lookout for probably the last time as our home. We thank God for the wonderful years we've had here, and we give him thanks for the years he has prepared for us there.

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We've been reminded many times these past few weeks, to borrow the words of Rosaria Butterfield, that God never gets the address wrong. This month was heavy in terms of house-hunting. We had a number of apartment arrangements fall through on us, sometimes for less than solid reasons, but again, God never gets the address wrong. As of the writing of this update, we are happy to announce that we have signed a lease for a place in Montreal! It just so happens that this unit is within walking distance from a personal connection our families have in Montreal. God never gets the address wrong.

A few days ago we had our big get-rid-of-stuff-we-don't-have-room-for sale, which went quite well! It was nice having the chance for our two families to work together. Something we've been told by friends (that are also on mission with another family up north in Cat Lake) is to take advantage of any team-building opportunities we can, and this was a good example of that. Even through something as basic as hosting a yard sale, we got to see certain glimpses of how each of us work and communicate and where we each excel and where we don't. You can't figure that stuff out just by chatting about it.

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In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul writes that the Church — the universal assembly of God's people — is the body of Christ (v. 27), and that God has “arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose” (v. 18). He writes to the church in Ephesus that God's manifold wisdom is made known through the church (Eph. 3:10), in part because of how God has created the church, Jew and Gentile alike, to worship him — different people that now live as one people united in Jesus. Practically speaking, this means two things for us: it means that our shared membership in the family of God transcends everything that makes us different from one another in a way that shows off the beauty and the wisdom of God, and it means that God still has specific purposes for those differences; he does not abolish them. Each of us four are quite different from one another, but because of Jesus we can celebrate those differences and submit them to the Holy Spirit to be sanctified and used for the glory of Christ. Because of Jesus, we can plead with people who are different than us to be reconciled to God, because we know that the people of God will consist of all different peoples. Jesus' death on the cross was not purposed to save just one nation, one ethnicity, one tongue, or one tribe, rather it was purposed to bring people from all nations, all ethnicities, all tongues and all tribes before his heavenly throne in worship. We just happen to be focusing on the French people of Quebec because they are the ones to whom God is leading us to minister, but we are still members of one Church, one Bride of Christ, one blood-bought people. Please continue to pray that we would be effective tools for the good works that God has prepared.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

Pray for the neighbours God has prepared us to live next to. Pray for a smooth integration into the life of the church in Verdun. Praise God for our living accommodations. Pray for Zach's language development and his training in Mirabel starting on August 26th that it would be successful. Pray for continued rest and enjoyment in God despite all the busyness and change.

In Christ,
The Laustsens and Murrays

* If you have pledged an amount to our ministry, please consider beginning your support as soon as possible so we can create an accurate budget and financial projections. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or difficulty with the set-up.



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