

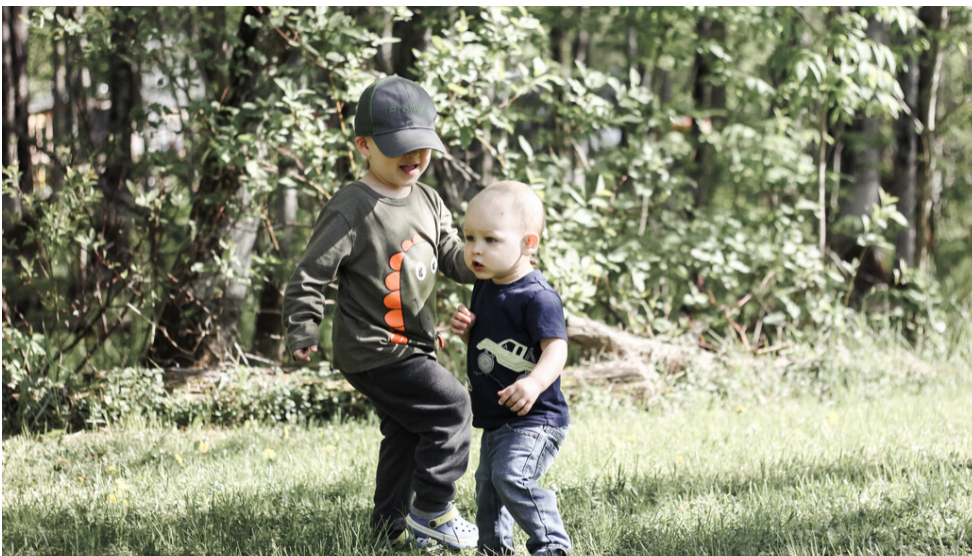
FULL SPEED AHEAD

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.

BIG NEWS FOLKS!

If you've been following along with our families over the past few months, you know that things have been quite uncertain and partly at a standstill because of COVID-19. This past week has been a huge change of pace.

Zach received notice that his transfer to Mirabel is back on track and that he's aimed to start work in Quebec the third week of August. Melissa officially submitted her resignation at the Northwestern Health Unit to finish her time there late-August as well. Our local pastor and friend received his approval for a much-needed sabbatical starting in July, and therefore Aaron and Zach, along with one of the church elders, will be sharing the ministry of the Word for the summer months. We're currently trying to secure a place to live in the community of Verdun — where we were recently informed we will be doing our integration — while also preparing and packing up our homes to sell in the next 2 months. Finally, we are working to raise the remainder of our needed financial support. As of the writing of this letter, our team is receiving approximately 80 percent of our required support, with an additional 10 percent verbally pledged.* God has shown Himself so faithful throughout this process and we are so thankful for each of our partners as we step into this new gospel work.



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This summer, our church will be studying the book of Galatians, where the apostle Paul makes a passionate defense of the one true gospel of Jesus Christ and its radical implications for believers. Throughout this letter, Paul makes it abundantly clear that the message of the gospel must not be, and cannot be distorted or compromised, lest we find ourselves servants and pleasers of men and not of Christ (Gal. 1:10). He states his position so plainly in verse 9 of chapter 1: “As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.” His powerful word choice leaves his readers no doubt that tampering with the gospel has eternal consequences.

In thinking on this, how essential it is that right now, moment by moment, we live with crystal-clear gospel-clarity. We are saved by grace and not of works (Eph. 2:8-9). Jesus is the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:2). Christ lived, died, and was raised in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3-4), he was delivered over to death and raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25), and he is the righteousness of God for all those who are united to him through faith (Rom 3:22), for the sake of his name (Ps. 23:3) and the utmost glory of God forever and ever (Rom. 11:26). Praise the Lord!

We are moving to a province where this gospel is not understood, and despite being very post-Christian, it is ironically pre-gospel. We see this as an incredible opportunity, one that we pray yields a great harvest among the souls of Quebec. Please continue to pray with us for the fame of Jesus among these people, and pray for us as we go.

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.



Below is our families' specific ministry link for financial giving:
<http://missionqc.org/en/laustsen-and-murray-family/>