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Building relationships to build God's Church

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory

4:8-11)

The day lockdown measures were gradually being lifted had finally arrived. Over the past few weeks, the anticipation of this day could be felt around the city. Restaurant owners prepping their outdoor patios, music played in the streets, a sense of excitement flowed out of shop windows into public parks. We felt it in our home, this day we had been longing for but weren't really sure would come. When the date had been announced, we circled it on the calendar and began to feel excitement about being able to invite people to visit in our backyard for the first time since we arrived last October. Now the day had finally arrived, and our biggest fear was that the few people we had been able to establish relationships with wouldn't be interested in hanging out at our place.

As I walked down the stairs after a bit of studying, I glanced out the patio door into the backyard to prepare myself for the current state of affairs before I jumped into the crazy that we call a routine. I saw a young girl who was definitely older and much taller than Sage sitting in the sand playing with our kids. "C'est qui ça?" (Who is that?), I asked Olive and Melissa who were sitting on the patio furniture enjoying the sunshine. The little girl who was now running around shooting water guns with our kids was our neighbour's granddaughter who lives just across the street. Although her English and our kids' French didn't exactly meet up, they played for over an hour before supper was ready. Before we had finished eating, she was back in the yard with her older brother and their cousin (who lives just next door to them across the street). We quickly finished our meal and proceeded to play soccer and some form of tee-ball tag game. It was our first opportunity to spend time in our yard with kids from our neighbourhood since we arrived. After the kids went to bed that night, a pastoral couple from our local Church came to sit in our backyard under the lights. We chatted about life, we rested, we enjoyed laughing and building friendship together. This is a picture of what we prayerfully hope for over the course of the next year. We want to faithfully use our resources, our home, our time, and our gifts for the building up of the Church and the advancement of the gospel through radically ordinary hospitality.



PRAISE GOD

- We are grateful to God for the lifting of lockdown measures, which will allow us to exercise hospitality and meet people.

PLEASE PRAY

- As you pray for us and the gospel work in Québec, continue to pray for our fellowship of Churches. The lack of pastoral leadership in Québec has put a strain on many Churches. We need God to send and raise up faithful shepherds for his people here.
- Pray for our training as we earnestly desire to be equipped to carry out sustainable long term ministry in Québec.
- Pray for revival, for a powerful work of God's Spirit throughout the province. Thank you for your ongoing prayers. We love you all.



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