

PRESSING FORWARD

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.

URGENT DAYS

Thank you for reading this. Your participation with us in preparation for ministry in Quebec is so encouraging to our souls; we truly love hearing from you! This month we hosted our first virtual time of prayer for Quebec and the believers there and we thought it went really well. Thank you to everyone that joined us and we look forward to gathering with you in this way again. The apostle Paul begins his letter to the church in Galatia with these words:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Gal. 1:3-5, ESV)

We read here and understand that the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age. What a magnificent truth to behold! But also, what an exhortation to see this present age as it truly is: an evil age, and one that God in his grace willed that we be delivered from, to his glory and praise. The day we find ourselves in, each of us in our own given circles and circumstances, is one in which we as followers of Christ ought



not to feel at home. There is a holy discontentment we ought to feel as strangers in this land, joined with the eager longing to be taken home with Christ. As we ride out this global pandemic, may our sights not be set on the day where COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our society, but rather would they be set on the glorious day where Jesus will return to claim his Bride. “*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus*” (Heb. 12:2).

These past few months have forced us to be cognizant of our physical health, but still so many lost individuals have no understanding of what life is truly about — where life and joy are truly found. The urgent need for missions work across the world has only amplified in light of this crisis. Many of you are aware of Quebec's particular state in regards to COVID-19 — the city of Montreal is currently experiencing the worst and most concentrated outbreak in all of Canada. This province needs help and that help must include faithful gospel proclamation and it must include faithful and fervent prayer.

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Many of you have committed to pray alongside us for the salvation of this province. We are so thankful for this and we are asking for more of you to join us in this way. Prayer is the driving force behind every movement of God.

A smaller number have also committed to support our families in this ministry through financial partnership. We are so thankful for this too, and we are asking for more of you reading this to support our ministry in this way. Once restrictions ease and travel into Quebec is permissible, it will not be long after that we transition to Montreal from Sioux Lookout. Virtual meetings and phone calls have been the unfortunate reality of raising support in this period of social distancing (and economic downturn), but God has not changed in his ability or his willingness to provide for the work that he sets before his people. The harvest is still plentiful, the labourers are still needed, and you can still participate. Remember us in your prayers, and please remember us in your budget. Our families' specific ministry link where you can join us as a financial partner is at the end of this letter.



FAMILY UPDATE

All of us are still healthy and doing well. Baby Sage is now sporting two bottom teeth and enjoys sitting in sand and eating it; Baby Weston has upgraded to not-a-baby Weston in the span of a few weeks; Sawyer still loves reading and snacks, and all of us have been enjoying the warm weather and the many opportunities to get outside in nature before our trek to the concrete jungle of Montreal. We don't have many new updates since last month, so please continue praying for our team as we navigate isolation and move forward in preparation for our big move. On our Facebook page (which we can give you access to if you're not already a part), we've posted a PDF with the specific prayer items that we covered earlier in May at our virtual gathering. We would ask you to continue lifting these requests up to the Lord in prayer.

In Christ,
The Laustsen's and Murray's

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

(Ps. 20:7-8, ESV)



As stated before, here is our families' specific ministry link for financial giving:

<http://missionqc.org/en/laustsen-and-murray-family/>