

GOSPEL RHYTHMS

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.

WHAT WE ARE UP TO

It has been six weeks since our families started life together here in Quebec. Although we cannot have people in our home or spend time getting to know people in our new neighbourhood we do love the location and feel of it. By now we have visited most of the cafes in Pointe St. Charles, played at all the parks, and scouted out the local shops. We are learning how much people in this neighbourhood support each other and the local businesses. In the midst of this large city, our neighbourhood feels like its own small town.

Zach has experienced many ups and downs in his training position with NAV Canada in Mirabel. Small successes bring energy and excitement and small failures bring disappointment and doubt. The next few weeks are an important time for Zach and his work here, and so we ask you to pray with us for Zach, that God would grant him grace to do his job well and trust that the outcome belongs to the Lord. Aaron has begun full-time language studies. He has in-person classes every other day that go along with daily online assignments. Evaluating your own progress in language learning can be difficult, however he is feeling confident that his French comprehension is growing quickly and is working hard at his oral production. Pray that God would grant Aaron the ability to retain language and the perseverance needed to devote time to learning. Melissa and Olive have taken on the enormous responsibility of discipling our children through the everyday wildness that is our lives right now with grace and patience. Listening to the same French nursery rhymes over and over and over and over, making snacks, watching silly French children's shows, making snacks, reading books, making more snacks, ending conflicts by making snacks. Pray for Melissa and Olive that they would be encouraged in both mind and spirit as they care for our children well.



LET LOVE BE GENUINE

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (Romans 12:9-13)

We have often spoken about our conviction that the gospel message must be lived out in gospel community. We believe that the message of the gospel must be proclaimed clearly and faithfully. We likewise believe that those who proclaim the gospel must live in such a way that their belief in the gospel is evident. The words of Romans 12 give us a vivid illustration of what it looks like to “live out the gospel.”

HABITS OF GRACE

One of our important tasks at the outset of our ministry here in Quebec is to establish healthy, life-giving, gospel saturated routines that we can one day invite others into. It is our deep desire that people around us would not only hear the message of the gospel from our mouths but see and experience the life-changing transformation of the gospel in action. As we have begun our integration into Quebec much has been made of our need and desire to learn French. It is equally as important to us that we establish habits and rhythms in our lives that communicate the beauty and power of the gospel. Our desire to share the gospel with people in Quebec drives us to not only know and communicate the gospel with our words but also to know and communicate the gospel by the way that we live life together. The way we live together is one of the greatest apologetics of the gospel that we have, so we are spending time establishing habits and routines that communicate to ourselves and others that we believe the gospel we proclaim. We are filled with hope that God might use these small acts of worship for his glory through the salvation of our neighbours in Quebec.



One of these routines or “habits of grace” that we have established is Family Worship. Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings after we finish supper together we gather in the living room for a time of worship. As we take our seats on the couch or floor we watch a short video or song with the kids that engages their minds with our focus for that evening. Some evenings we read a passage of scripture, followed by a short devotion and its significance in our lives. Some evenings we allow the scripture passage we’ve read to lead us into a time of prayer. Each evening after we have heard from God through His Word we worship Him in song. With Zach on piano, Sage on kazoo, Weston with the egg shaker and Sawyer with whatever toy he claims as an instrument that evening, we unite our voices in praise to our King. As you can imagine with three young children some nights are wonderful and some nights we spend more time putting out fires than we would like, but in all circumstances we desire to be fervent in worship of Christ. This is one of those life-giving habits that we desire to invite others into as we have opportunity. This may seem small or simple but our God uses small, simple faithfulness in the everyday to accomplish his grand and magnificent plans.

Yours In Christ,
The Murray and Laustsen Family

JOIN US IN PRAYER

We are hosting another “Pray with our Partners” event on Zoom. We would love for you to join in praying with us, for us and for the needs in Quebec.

November 28, 2020 at 2:00pm EST

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