

ON EST ARRIVÉS !

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.

WE'VE ARRIVED!

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6)

The words of Romans 15:5-6 resound in our hearts as we write this exciting update letter. After a year of discernment and assessments and another year of partnership building we are finally on the ground in Quebec, eager to learn as we begin integration into Quebec and the life of the church and mission here. In verse 4 of Romans 15 we read that endurance and encouragement come from the Scriptures and then in verse 5 (above), God is referred to as the God of endurance and encouragement. What a reminder that God is the source of our endurance and our encouragement, and it is in his Word that we find encouragement and endurance to run the race well. What a wonderful gift of grace the Scriptures are!

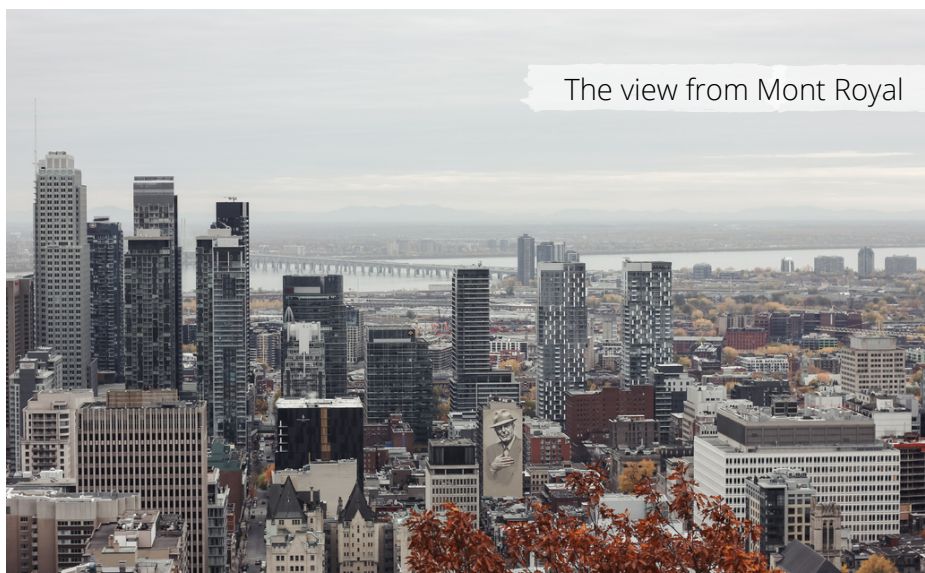
The words of Romans 15:5-6 are the words that we are praying for ourselves as we set out in this new ministry together. We invite you to pray these words with us and for us. Please pray that we, as two families, would live in such harmony with one another and with Jesus that together we would glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOD IS FAITHFUL

We have witnessed in astonishing ways how God accomplishes his will in the world through the working of his people. We have prayed often that God would provide partners who would pray with us and for us, people who would take up the call to pray and share their resources for the sake of the gospel in Quebec. God has, and continues to answer these prayers. We have a wonderful team of people leveraging what God has given them for the sake of his glory in the world — a team of faithful partners who we know are praying for us continually. We are thankful to be here in Quebec as part of this team, seeking to see the name of Jesus worshipped, and healthy, life-giving churches established in Quebec.

We would like to thank you for the love, support and encouragement you have shared with us over the past year. One year ago this month, we wrote and sent out our first letter. Now one year later we find ourselves writing this letter from our new home in Quebec. Like all of you, the past twelve months have been filled with highs and lows, successes and failures, joys and disappointments, but through it all God has been “our refuge and our strength, a bulwark never failing.”



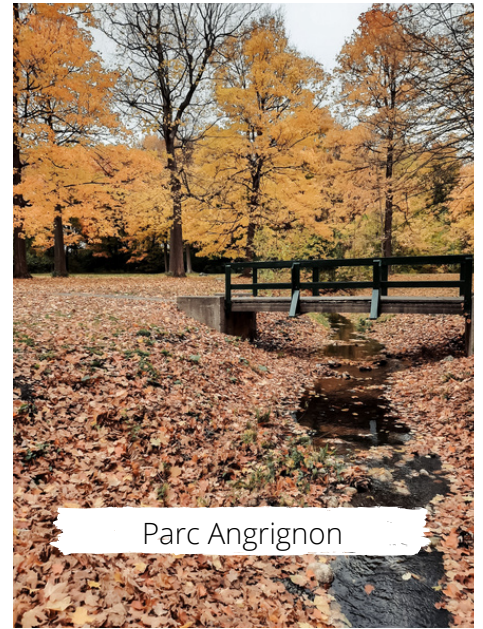
Zach, Olive and Sage moved into our new house on October 1st (a quick shout-out to the Praca family for lending us a mattress while we waited for our stuff to arrive!) and the Murray’s arrived on October 9th with the moving truck. As of right now, just about everything is unpacked with the exception of our wall-art and we are beginning to adjust to what life looks like now. Montreal and some of its surrounding regions were recently brought back into the red zone for COVID-19 until the end of October, which significantly limits the kind of social interactions we can have legally, but despite this, there is still much to learn and grow accustomed to. Even simple things like walking around our new neighbourhood, getting groceries, bumping into our neighbours outside, ordering coffee en français, taking the metro, finding a parking spot on the street, and so on and so forth — everything is new and different, and so it is a comforting thought that in all the “new and different” of our lives, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus is our sure and steady anchor. It is our hope this month to establish rhythms in our home that will encourage us to focus on Christ and abide in him, finding time to worship together through the reading of the Word, songs, and prayer.



Chocolat chaud au Mont Royal



This month we begin the integration phase of our ministry. Integration consists of many things, the main two for us being language learning and cultural acquisition. It is our desire to be a part of healthy churches being planted here in Quebec amongst francophone Canadians, therefore, it is vital that we learn French. Much of the next few months will be focused on learning as much French as we can, as effectively as we can. Along with immersing ourselves in as many French language situations as we can, we are also going to be utilizing a government endorsed program called Francisation, designed to help immigrants to Quebec learn French. As gospel workers, having the proper tools to communicate the gospel message to French-speakers is imperative to our call to serve the Lord in Quebec. In the service of Christ we are joyfully compelled to serve others, so it is our desire to understand the people around us so that we might serve and love them well. We are committed to learning about Quebec culture from the people and places around us. The apostle Paul said that to the Jews he was a Jew and to the Gentiles he became a Gentile so that by every means necessary he might win some (1 Cor. 9:20-23). In this way, we want to imitate Paul as he imitated Christ so that by every means necessary we might see the souls of people in Quebec added to the Kingdom of God. We look forward to sharing with you some of the things we learn along the way, so that you might be able to pray with us for the people here.



Parc Angrignon



Weston helping to bath Sage



In Christ, for his glory.
The Laustsens and Murrays



Sage's first birthday!



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