

The Burns Family to Quebec Canada

July/August 2024

The month of July began with a memorable occasion: on July 3, we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary! Then, the following day, our family left for a two-week trip to the States, during which we had the privilege of giving an update and preaching in three of our supporting churches. Another purpose for this trip was to take Kelsey to Camp BIMI at the Baptist International Missions Inc. headquarters in Tennessee. This intense week of missions training was both enjoyable and enriching for Kelsey—so much so that she is planning to attend the second year of Camp BIMI next summer!



On August 13, the Lord granted favourable weather for an outreach trip up north—this time to the francophone village of Matagami near the James Bay! Wes took off early in the morning, accompanied by Kenan and Florian (a young man from the church plant here). Once they arrived in Matagami, they spent the rest of the day distributing Gospel literature to the close to 750 homes in the village. They had some great opportunities to personally share Christ with those they met, and found the overall reception quite positive. Everything also went smoothly for the return flight back the following morning. It was an exhausting trip (as you can see by the photo), but we praise the Lord for the good flying weather and safety that He granted! Please pray that the seeds sown will bring forth eternal fruit for God's glory! Looking ahead, we anticipate accomplishing the annual airplane inspection in September, and continue to watch for good flying weather for additional outreach trips before winter sets in.



The ministry at the church plant here continues to advance. The regular Sunday services as well as the Wednesday evening prayer meetings continue as usual, although attendance has been somewhat lower with some folks struggling with health issues or away on vacation. The Jeunesse pour Jésus (Youth for Jesus) and Ados pour Jésus (Teens for Jesus) have also taken a break during the summer. Wes has met once or twice with the young men's group over the summer, and has been encouraged to see continued spiritual growth! What a blessing to see these young men offering their time and talents to serve in the local church here! Please continue to pray for these young men to be faithful to the Lord!



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After a recent Sunday morning service, Rebecca had a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel more in-depth with Leila. She seems to have a good understanding of most of the Gospel message, but is not quite ready to make it personal. Please pray for her to be saved!



Our annual Vacation Bible School (August 18-21) brought out both regular attenders and visitors—even adults! The theme was “Intergalactic Voyage: Discovering God.” What a blessing it was to witness the church family’s cheerful involvement in this outreach! The children enjoyed special games, a craft, songs, amazing snacks, a puppet show, and a couple of visits from two self-trained “astronauts”! But most importantly, they heard the Gospel each night, through the Biblical accounts of Cain and Abel, the Brazen Serpent, Naaman, and the Prodigal Son. They also memorized a Bible verse each evening. Please pray that God’s Word that was shared would take root in the hearts of each one present and bring forth fruit for eternity!

We appreciate so much your faithfulness in praying for our family, and in supporting the ministry here financially. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

~The Burns family



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