



THE FILLION FAMILY

Serving the LORD in Coaticook, Qc, Canada

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While I was writing this letter one early morning, looking out the window of our accommodation, God brought to mind the people who have made this journey so fascinating. It has been said, "It's not the places you go, but the people you meet," and I agree. Ministry is about people. You meet people who need Christ and accept His gift of salvation and meet people who reject His grace. You meet people who cherish and embrace Christ's mission, and you meet people who desire to leave His mission. You meet people who encourage and challenge you to grow and continue, but also people who pull you down and hurt you. I am blessed to have a family that counts on one another, serves together, cries together, laughs together, perseveres together, upholds one another, and stays together through the ups and downs of mission work. If ministry is about people, I am surrounded by the best people.

From October to mid-November, we have been on a short furlough reporting to supporting churches and seeking new partnerships. We have been blessed and refreshed by the churches we have visited. The meetings were encouraging spiritually, even if the traveling time is always challenging. We were able to reconnect with friends and develop new friendships along the way. God has also allowed us, through the generosity of His people, to rest and refuel while in the Sunshine State. We are grateful for this opportunity to share what God has been doing in Coaticook and are excited about the future.

While on furlough, I challenged a man from our church to prepare two sermons from the book of 3rd John. He thought that was an arduous task but accepted the challenge. After watching both of his messages, I can say he did well. What a blessing to know that I have someone from the church who can prepare expository messages that are biblically sound and challenging while I am away. I have also asked some pastors to fill in for me while we were on furlough, and they have graciously accepted.

While on the road, my wife and I were able to map out what 2024 would look like for the church. We are starting different ministries that will eventually help the church to grow numerically and spiritually. We are excited about these new opportunities and pray that God bless the efforts.

While on furlough, Sarah turned five years old. She is so fun to be around with her contagious smile and pleasant spirit. Thank you to Open Door Baptist Church and Sun and Shield Baptist Church for taking the time to celebrate her birthday; it means a lot to us.

Please pray for our upcoming annual Candlelight Christmas Service. It is usually our best-attended service of the year, where many new and returning visitors hear the gospel message. Pray for souls to be saved and for God to get the glory.

Thank you for your generosity and your fervency in prayer toward our family as we minister in Coaticook, Québec.