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2024 is here, and we are excited to see all that God has in store for the year ahead. I am so thankful that God's ways are not our ways, and that His ways are always better! 2023 was full of unexpected challenges and situations we would never plan or anticipate, and I am sure 2024 will have its surprises as well. We take joy in knowing the Lord goes before us and will accomplish His perfect will as we submit to and follow His leading. We are thankful for the place God has led us to learn to depend on Him.

We expect there to be much learning in the year ahead as we grow more in the ministry here in Québec. Certainly the biggest step is for Elizabeth as she continues learning French. This has been a real challenge, as being a mom of three young kids it is difficult to have the time needed, let alone the mental rest to be able to take on such an endeavour. She has been making slow progress, but we appreciate your continued prayers for her in this. I often watch the kids so she can have more time for her lessons, but often she needs extra rest as she is still not always sleeping well due to kids waking up at night for various reasons. Please pray for God's strength and wisdom to find a balance.

Despite the ministry side being slower, our time here in Québec has been vital for my French immersion, and at this point I am well established in my comprehension and speaking ability. As family life is adjusting after our deputation trips and a busy 2023, I am beginning this year to preach at least once a month in our church. We will also be having a teen activity at our place in early March, and may have other opportunities through the year to be involved more with the teens as well. Pray for God's clear direction in each of these.



Our church has seen various ups and downs throughout the year as well. God has certainly done a great work over the past few years, but we are cautious to not rest on the past and fail to continue resting completely on the Lord. We are praying for His continued guidance for our church and the ministry here. Please pray that we could see more involvement as we seek to reach the lost around us by the grace of God.



In late March there is a local pastor's meeting taking place near Montreal. Please be in specific prayer for this meeting. We are seeking God and asking Him to do a work of unity and reconciliation in some situations. God knows the details, even more than I do, but in short, Pray for God's will to be done in restoring relationships among churches here in Québec.



The work is great, and only by the Spirit of God can we see it go forward for His glory. Pray for us as we learn to keep resting in Him and following what He asks us to do. Thank you for faithfully partnering with us and supporting us with your prayers. They are what truly will make a difference.



By God's grace, and for His glory,  
Josiah and Elizabeth Coates

