

## Gerald and Marguerite Pauley at LA VIEILLE ÉGLISE

THE OLD CHURCH (1840)

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**Bonjour! Comment ça va? Hello! How's it going?**

**We are still going along, slowly and hobbling, but working.**

Even though the restrictions have been lifted as to receiving people here, I still play the piano for the Boucherville church on Sunday morning. (A bit of "church watering".) The only other meeting is the prayer meeting which is done by Zoom.

**Three of the young men** who were part of the "Singing men" before Covid messed things up are singing again. They come down on Saturday and help us with our church projects. They work outside on the property, then have a light meal together and Matthieu (In the middle) gives a Bible study. Then they sing. I choose evangelistic music from the library of music I did in French in the past and give them "singing help". They had never sung before, so Gerald sings to help them keep on tune. **Jerson** (on the right) has found out that he has a nice voice and can carry a tune. His mother says I have created a monster--he sings constantly around the house.

**Recently**, for the monthly evangelisation emphasis, they sang "*Before the Great White Throne of the Just and Powerful God*" (in French, of course). They will sing again this coming Sunday.

Gerald sings with them but sits on the front pew. **On the left is Clément, a new convert.** He studied prophecy, doctrines and Romans once a week with Gerald all Spring. He has a lot to learn because, like most people who accept the Lord here in Quebec, he knows almost nothing of the Bible. He will be going to Bible School this Fall in New Brunswick where **Matthieu** (in the middle) will be attending his 4<sup>th</sup> year. Clément volunteered to teach S.S. and I worked with him several hours a week on Old Testament Bible events and people and how to tell the Bible "stories" to children. I gave both young men "speech" --I won't say lessons--I'll say, "help and suggestions". **Jerson** is also a new convert. Both young men were brought in by efforts of the pastor and by Matthieu. One of the deacons from Boucherville has been invaluable to us. I am thinking of asking the Lord for deacons until we get a missionary. That may be putting the cart before the horse.

The Boucherville church has had a lot of fruit in the last 40 years. The pastor and his wife were teenagers in the church, one of the deacons and his wife were saved and raised a family of 6 children in the church--5 of whom are in the ministry. These people and

**Witnessing** has never been easy here, but I have run into a different twist. Our neighbor, the best neighbor one could have, just looked at me in a funny, half tolerant way when, trying to explain salvation, I said she needed to talk to God the Father about the needs of her soul, and that she needed to ask His Son, Jesus, to be her Savior. She said, "When I need help, I ask my husband". She has been a widow for 8 years. I said that if her husband could help her with her earthly problems, I believe he would, but he could never do anything in a spiritual sense to help her stand before God. She said she doesn't need that kind of help. She is fine. Another widow (89 years old) said she tells her husband, "You don't have anything to do up there, help me in the garden." --and she gets stronger and can work longer. She prays to Saint Anne for protection for her leeks from insects. I had nothing to say about that. I was looking at the most beautiful, lush, green leeks I had ever seen.

We are always impressed by the generosity of our supporting churches and the individuals who contribute to our ministry. We are reading through the Bible out loud together every evening, 20 or 30 verses each. We are in Proverbs and I was struck by *Proverbs 20:17*. "He that hath pity upon the poor *lendeth* unto the **LORD**; and that which he hath given *will he pay him again*." We discussed it and I believe we can make a spiritual application to the verse. My thought is that the unsaved sinner is the poorest of the poor--spiritually speaking. Many of us have never been "poor" in that way. We who are older have lived in a nation influenced by the Bible. I grew up in churches that believed and taught the Bible. We, you and I, know that we are rich--the richness of life with the Savior. Not only are we assured of a wonderful future with the Lord, we have the comfort of the Holy Spirit, the Bible, hymns, songs, true and honest friends living clean lives. This is spiritual wealth!

Many of the young adults who get saved here have had none of that. Even their nation is in spiritual poverty and has always been that way! They been brought out of the depths of spiritual poverty. They have been through all kinds of sin and sorrow. They have never had peace. Most have devastating consequences on their future Christian life. One young man told us that he had been without hope, was deep into drugs and alcohol and was thinking of taking his life. Today, a year later he has been completely turned around.

We believe that your "missions dollars" (and ours) are a loan to the Lord. He is sending out His messengers of salvation around the world, taking pity on the spiritually poor and deprived.

Thank you for having pity on Quebec. Thank you for lending to the Lord so that we could establish the Boucherville and the Brossard churches. He will pay you again.



*Gerald and Marguerite*





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Gerald mows with an old tractor we bought when we moved here.



He also does the weeding.



The branches of this line of trees swept the ground on both sides. The branches were cut off up to 7 ft high.



The land was full of weeds, thorn trees, raggedy bushes, etc. It was cleaned up and now we have a nice, big clearing behind the trees.

We hired Loïc, a 20-year-old "youngster" who is in business for himself (under the watchful eye of his father), to clean up the property. On the left side, Loïc cut back all the weeds and brush, all the way to the real edge of the property. He found very good fill dirt in a town about 30 miles away, to bring the right side of the land up level—

5 dump-truck loads from the digging for a new construction and a swimming pool. We had to pay the delivery. We need 4 more loads if Loïc can once again find someone who will deliver dirt here.

We have gained 12 to 15 feet of usable land on the left side and it is possible now to mow it and to drive around the building. On the right side he thinned out all the dead trees, cut down the small crooked ones and uprooted briar bushes. Now we have a beautiful woods. (We get more breeze and a lot less flies and mosquitos. 🦟)

Less is the operative word. We still have to keep fly swatters handy. 🦟 We rented a large chipper that would take tree trunks. With the chipper, Loïc and his father, Dominic, blew the chips and sawdust all around the edges of the property. In the middle, we removed trees to give more room to drive around. 🦟



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