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at LA VIEILLE ÉGLISE
The OLD CHURCH 1840



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OUR PROJECT

The pictures are of the entrance to the Chapel part of the church.



The green thing is a temporary carport (a Tempo). It covers a ramp. We have the big white one for lawn care equipment. It is not visible from the road. The municipality made a ruling about temporary carports. They are to be taken down in the Spring. Ours has been tolerated because it is not used as a carport, but as a shelter for Gerald, who is handicapped for getting into and out of the building. (Recently Montreal was struck by storms--torrential rains, thunder and lightning, that broke a record recorded in 1944). For more than three years, we have put money aside to build a permanent entry. We have searched for someone to build to our need. We haven't found anyone. Two weeks ago, I saw an advertisement, with pictures, for solariums. I got excited! I said to Gerald, "Maybe this company will put a small solarium on the front as a foyer!" He said, 'A solarium! It would be awfully small!' He studied the photos and said, "We can call and see what they say." The sales rep, Michel, came and after much discussion and measuring, he said he could make it happen! —For more than our savings! Well! I calmed down, my heart sank. **However**, we have decided that we can do it. It is an important improvement. We don't quite have enough money, but we will have enough by the time the work is done. The Lord has been so generous with us and we are trusting him for the completion of the project.

I will explain how we saved the money. When we deposit a U.S. salary check, the exchange rate is between \$1.28 and \$1.32. —For example, \$2 000 U.S. can give us from \$2 400 to \$2 700, depending on the rate. We try to use \$2 000 Canadian as our salary and set aside the "extra". We do the same with Christmas and birthday gifts, and special extra gifts by churches (amazing generosity!). In the past 2 years the government has given senior citizens monthly money because of inflation. That money goes into our fund for the entry. We haven't traveled for deputation, so we are using our furlough fund. We do have a work fund that we can use. The method of saving the exchange "extra" hasn't worked every month. There have been "extra expenses", of course.

We won't have to pay the full amount until the work is done—the end of November. We believe we can have all the money it by then and if not we have a credit card that we use only when necessary.

The solarium will be 10 ft wide, 11 ft long and 22 ft high. The trees will be cut down.



The Tempo is anchored to cement blocks and stakes. The silver tarp is filled with gravel.



It almost blew away, anyway

By the way, we were in the path of the eclipse. I drove 35 minutes north to Walmart to get special glasses, but the employees had bought them all. A lady shared hers with me. It was strange! At 3 o'clock daylight started to dim, it got dark and very cold. The parking lot lights came on. Three minutes later, the reverse happened!

*** Pastor Kagan of Grace Baptist Church in Kettering, Ohio, gave Gerald the opportunity to make a 5 minute video for their missions emphasis. I have enclosed the text. My husband had unusual parents.