

In The Way

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Work Up North

The English congregation in Montreal marked another passing this month with the death of the husband of one of our members. The passing of several long-time founding members of the congregation this summer has been difficult for some of the older folks. Yet new life in Christ continues, and we look forward to two baptisms this coming Sunday. Integration of the work of the three congregations is also continuing, with well over two dozen French, English and Chinese showing up at the end of the month for a work day – and an Italian lunch provided by our Italian members!

We continue to seek ways to extend the reach of the Gospel into the neighborhood and into the region, in both English and French. We are laying plans for a community VBS and outreach to coincide with the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

Work Down South

This month saw three trips to the Caribbean as we continue to move the mission in the Caymans, Jamaica and Puerto Rico forward. We are working to lease a facility in Ponce, Puerto Rico for our newest Caribbean congregation, Fuente de Vida. I'm working hard to reestablish our organization in Jamaica so we can continue working towards the purchase of a more permanent location for one of our congregations in Kingston. We are also hoping to add a new missionary there in the very near future. Lastly, in conjunction with Rev. Leif Hasskarl and the council of Safe Harbour in the Caymans, I presented a proposal for opening an early childhood center to broaden our outreach there and help us establish a permanent presence on the island.

September and October will be quite busy, south-wise, as I help Rev. Hasskarl move to a network-supported model, help lead our first FORO in Puerto Rico, and continue to develop the work in Jamaica. Pray for safe travels and good health for me and the family, who will be helping out back in Montreal!

A Note from Deb

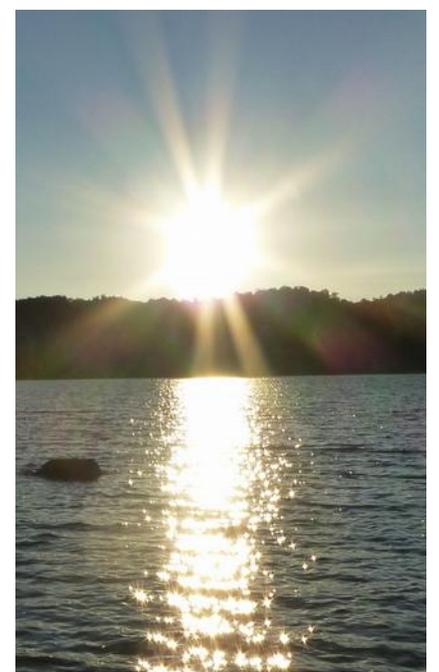
August was a great month for our family as we enjoyed our last weeks of summer vacation. The girls finished up their summer enrichment the first week of August and then we were ready for the Latin American Region Family Retreat. It was wonderful to reconnect with families we had met as recently as February, as far back as our Missionary Orientation, and to meet many of the other people serving in the LAR - especially this families that Charles works with directly.

I especially enjoyed the time of fellowship and Bible study with the other women (led by Dcs. Amy Rast) while the girls did a VBS and the men studied with Dr. Larry Rast. The girls would probably say their favorite part was swimming every day (and seeing all their friends). We felt really energized after our week together.

We were also able to spend almost a week with my family in upstate New York. Even though the girls and I were sick, we still managed a fun time being together. We appreciated all the extra work everyone did to pick up the slack!

While we were in the DR, Olivia turned 12 and Charles and I celebrated our 16th Anniversary. We got to mark these events each week with a different set of people! A visit from Charles' family rounded out the summer and then it was preparing for a new school year. Olivia started high school (Grade 7 here) and Sophia returned to Mountainview for Grade 4. Although we feel grateful for a successful first year, we would request your prayers as they continue to work on their French and integrate into their schools. Also, that I would be more diligent in language acquisition as well.





Top: Your 2016 Latin America and the Caribbean missionaries! **Middle Left:** Teen bible study in Montreal. **Bottom Left:** Regional team leadership meeting for Latin America. **Middle Right:** Presenting the proposed early childhood center for the Caymans at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church. **Bottom Right:** Watching the sunset in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

Prayer Concerns

For our mission in the Cayman Islands, as we consider starting an early childhood center and bringing new missionaries to the field,

For our work in Jamaica, as we move forward with plans for a new facility as well as a second missionary for the island,

For Puerto Rico, as we continue developing a second congregation and prepare for our first Foro at the end of September,

For Montreal, as we bring the Gospel in Word and Sacrament, in three languages, to the people of the region.

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