

In The Way

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Summer Children's Week

On Saturday, July 15, a team of nine volunteers from Vandalia Hills Lutheran Church in the Birmingham, Alabama area arrived in Montreal. The Ahlmeyers - including Pastor Mike Ahlemeyer, the Mooneys, and Vicar Luke Watt made the trip up north to help with the first "Vacation Bible School" at Ascension in many, many years.

We ended up with kids from both the French and English congregations as well as some visitors from outside the parish. Together, we had a fun week of crafts, games, snacks, bible stories, music and chapel services centered on the theme of "God: Our Mighty Fortress." There are pictures on the back of the newsletter, and some more will be posted soon online along with some video.

In the afternoons we did our best to show off the city to our visitors, and talk about the need for more focused mission work in Quebec. We saw the Old City; St. Joseph's Oratory; the Mount Royal Park, and even a little of the "Just For Laughs" Comedy Festival.

We will continue to pray that the need here will not go unfilled by the Lutheran church. Thanks be to God for our new partners from Alabama! God's kingdom comes by itself without our prayer; but we pray that it would come among us also.

Work Down South

Thanks to some generous donors, we all had the chance to be with our brothers and sisters at Safe Harbour in the Caymans July 6-10. Rev. Bob and Donna Luinstra, who have often helped out our missions in the Caribbean, were there as well. We were glad to connect with them and share what's happening not just in the Caymans but also in Jamaica. I'm still looking for interim pastors for Kingston for September 3 and 10, but I know the Lord will not leave his sheep without a shepherd – even temporarily!

Visits in the US

I will be making some support visits in the early fall. You can follow where in the world Pastor St-Onge will be on our website at:

[Http://intheway.org/events](http://intheway.org/events)

Mission Moments

It was a long day at vacation bible school. I had finally made it home to Deux-Montagnes after dropping off our team from Alabama, and was getting ready for my first evening home in over a week, when the phone rang.

It was the vicar. The family of one of our shut-ins was calling. She had had a massive stroke, and would likely not last long. I jumped back in the car and headed to the Montreal Jewish General Hospital.

The family gathered with me in the room. None attend our church anymore; one had converted to Judaism. I spoke the resurrection promises of God in Christ Jesus; I prayed; and then I sang the Nunc Dimittis. As I did, Betty was called home to be with our Lord.

I waited in a small room with Vicar Keating while the body was being prepared. A man in a hospital gown entered, asking if we were priests. Philippe was a visitor from Paris who had just had a large stroke. He was in Montreal with his wife visiting his son. He asked if we could pray with him, which we were glad to do.

Hospitals and homes for the elderly are often the best places to share the Good News about our Lord. Always be ready for the opportunities that will present themselves!



A Picture's Worth of Words...



TL: A Mighty Fortress is our God in Christ; TL: One of our GREAT snacks; BL: Fellowship together; BR: Seeing some sights in Montreal – the Just For Laughs Festival.

Prayer Concerns

For the mission to Quebec, that we might be able to do more and take advantage of the windows opening around us;

For vacancies and the need for interim and supply pastors as well as new missionaries, that the Lord would send us the right people at the right time;

For those dealing with the assaults and temptations of the Devil, that they might not lose heart and be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

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