

In The Way

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Mission Moment

There are several people across the Montreal region who reach out to our congregation because of podcasts or blogs they've stumbled across in their quest for Jesus.

One man I'm talking with wrote, "You mentioned that Ascension is the only confessional Lutheran congregation in the Montreal area. That's astounding. I suppose that when the silent rebellion happened in Quebec nobody bothered to just see if there had been any reforms to the Catholic tradition and just skipped straight to atheism."

Many in Quebec have rejected the clericalism of the Roman church which imposed their will on every aspect of Quebecois life in the early 20th century. But they still crave a Christianity connected with the past, connected to tradition, and most importantly connected to Jesus.

This is our mission in this metropolis of 4.3 million people. To be a "Good News Place" for people looking for a sacrificial God of grace and mercy.

Summer Interlude

July has been a "month in-between," a month of mission in between busy times of reconnect. Our two mission workers, Kayla Gundermann and Anna (formerly) Benter, now Voelker, have returned. Anna brought her new husband, Noah. We are still awaiting the arrival of Grace later in summer. They will be assisting in the fall with English classes, open houses, volunteer days, and young adult outreach.

Deb and I also continued our work with those who have reached out to Ascension through the internet. We have families on the west island, in the Laurentians, and on the south shore with which we are in contact. We are praying for ways to keep these families, spread out over 75 miles in every direction, connected to Jesus.

We received one woman by confirmation of faith in July. Lailei had been attending for several weeks, and had been baptized in an evangelical (reformed) church. She is very interested in evangelism and bringing lost souls to Christ.

We also hosted Pastor Tom Park from Taiwan, who preached at Ascension July 7, and the Prozenkos, who stopped by on their way back and forth from Halifax to Chicago. It's always a blessing to stay connected with co-workers in the Lord.

Reconnect Update

It was a tremendous blessing to see so many old and new friends in Houston, TX at the beginning of the month. We look forward to seeing many more of you in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa through the month of August. Thanks to you generous gifts, we are funded for this current year with a little bit extra for special mission projects, like improving our online presence.



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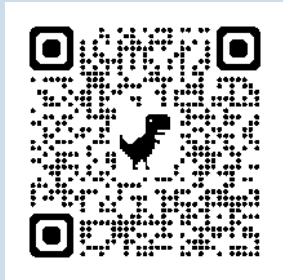


Clockwise from Top Left: Scrabble Day with new members; visiting members in the Laurentians; with supporters in Houston, TX; Lailei confirms her faith; with Soma (far left) who brought her Sikh husband to worship, and our friend Baldev.

Prayer Concerns

- For Olivia, who is away from home on an internship in Middletown, OH this summer,
- For safe travels as we make our way by plane and car across the United States (55 hours of travel),
- For those who hear of Jesus through us, that the Holy Spirit might strengthen their faith.

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