

# In The Way

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## Mission Moment

The last week of August we laid a longtime member of Ascension to rest in anticipation of the resurrection. None of his family were Lutherans, and few were practicing Christians, so it was a great chance to proclaim Richard's faith to them one last time. One of the pallbearers was a priest of a local Anglo-Catholic parish, and was so excited (he said) to hear the Gospel so clearly proclaimed.

On our way home, another long time member—who had refused pastoral visits or church attendance—called and said she was convinced she would be better off dead. We quickly detoured to her residence. Deb and I were able to share the Gospel with her, reminding her of her baptism. I returned the first week of September to give her the Lord's Supper for the first time in over a decade. She had starved herself of spiritual food and the Good News of Jesus—no wonder her soul was near death!

Later in the month a couple approached me after worship who had been attending since August. They were East Asian, and wanted this baptismal gift that I kept mentioning. A couple of weeks later they were baptized. At that service, another Indian gentleman approached and asked if this Jesus was for him and his family as well. He was baptized the next week, along with his wife. All are attending worship regularly now and preparing for communion.

The very last Sunday of the month I met with a young couple preparing for their wedding in October. They wanted to begin their new life together right, and came to confess their sins individually and be absolved.

This is what the Lord's mission in the world looks like. This is what all of you are supporting. Please pray for us regularly!

## A "New Year"

In many ways September is a new year for us on the mission field of Montreal. We have a new, third mission worker, Grace Sugg, who will be installed in October. Our beginners' English class met for our first fall class, our first open houses (October 2 and 10) have been planned, our student group is meeting again, and we are once again working our way through the catechism on Sunday mornings.

The faces in the sanctuary have changed so much over the last few years. The Veprek family, whose sons Jack and Alex confirmed their faith at Ascension, have returned to the US. We bid godspeed to Linda Sitar who has moved to Calgary. We also have many new faces, some coming to Montreal to study, some recently baptized, and some still coming to ponder the account of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless us this "New Year"!



# A Picture's Worth of Words



**Top Right:** Vinod is baptized while his wife, Shalli, awaits her turn.

**Top Left:** Sanjay and Renu are baptized. Renu is expecting, and both have children left behind in India.

**Bottom:** Our first young adult outing of the year. We took four of our university students to Jude Pomme in Oka for apple picking after a pizza lunch!

## Prayer Concerns

- For Vinod and Shalli, Sanjay and Renu, newly baptized members of the body of Christ,
- For Charlotte, Jamar, Rachel, Leeanne and Olivia, students in Montreal attending Ascension,
- For our Forum partners meeting in Montreal the first week of October.

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