

NewsLetter From Saguenay, QC, CANADA
SAGUENAY, BAIE-COMEAU, LA TUQUE, LA POCATIÈRE

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...Begone, Satan! for it is written...

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Dear brethren, we hope that you are all doing well? By the grace of God, we are doing great! However, we are challenged by a very cold Winter. In fact, the Winter began with very cool temperatures with more rain than snow, but since the second week of January until now, we are freezing to death! There is a constant temperatures from -4°F to -37°F (plus the wind factor). Who have said that the hearth is getting warmer? Here we have more than an impression that it gets colder (smile :))! It has been two consecutive years alike.

We are planning a very busy year 2015 for the Work with full of great activities and events. However, since the year 2014 ended with an intervention of Satan (more details at the building project constructions), I am sure that our adversary, to us all, reserves again some attempts to place obstacles on our way to accomplish our building project. He has done it so many times to prevent us from advancing the Work here...

A NEW WAY FOR OUR NEWSLETTERS

From now on, we will send you the newsletter in two parts: one with text only in a pdf format for those who can not print pictures and another part with pictures with few text lines to identify the pictures. Moreover, or more picture, you can always go on our [Website](#) site and see other pictures that we put regularly.

SAGUENAY CONGREGATION

We told you that we have had a great restoration in the Fall, brother Daniel Genest, his wife Corinne and their two young boys, Raphaël and Mathieu are back with us. They left the Church in 2005. You will see them on a the picture of the congregation at the outside front door. However, Daniel have had a strong heart attack three weeks ago. Nevertheless, all circumstances were in his favour: his hour had not come yet and he is now doing very well! During the Winter, it is very common here to see people dying because of the shovel. This is what happened to Daniel. This trial brought Daniel and all of us closer to one another. Daniel thanked the Lord often to have given him another chance! SO! Everybody are greatly encouraged by the great enthusiasm of Daniel and Corinne!

We hope to have other restorations this year and also new visitors. Here are some people we hope/work to restore: Louis, Jean-Paul and France, and Gertrude. We have a new visitor, Patrick's (a brother) mother. She likes our services and plans to come regularly. We try to sit down with her for a Bible study. Daniel Genest began for a while a Bible study with her sister. He uses The Truth for Today literatures. I beg you to pray about Gerald's and Gina's son who started a Bible study with me, Keven. Keven is an electrician and has done A LOT of work into the building and never charged anything, although he came often and at anytime we needed him. Please also keep in you prayer our dear friend Michelle Sabourin who is always with us trough SKYPE almost every Sunday... All these people just mentioned, will be the main contacts of the year in whom we will spend more attention for this year. We beg your prayers for this purpose!

MUSCLES AND SHOVELS

While we talk about shovel, I want to THANK those who gave me the book Muscles and Shovels, I got three copies: the first one from brother Don Thompson, from Layings, OH; the second one from the Sand Springs congregation and the third one from West-Main, our sponsoring congregation! I read the whole book. I greatly enjoyed it and the facts that brought brother Shank to the obedience of the Truth. This book is indeed a great master piece and it helps me a lot in the understand of the thinkings of many denominational people who are lost in their feelings. It generates into my heart compassion to the sincere people who are deeply captured by the power of Satan!... I recommend that book to all Christians. Since I have three copies, I will share it with others -- I gave one to somebody already. This book has been very helpful to me! Indeed, since many years, I have made my own

research to understand denominational people feelings that take place of the obedience of the Word of God. Since we have many contacts who are in such bondage, this book is a great inspiration and education to me. If you have any other suggestions of a similar good literature that treat that subject? Please let me know... Thanks! Being in these thoughts, I want you to know how much comforting it is to me to be in fellowship with you all through the unchangeable eternal Word of God!!!...

CONGREGATIONS NEWS

This is through the Web, the SKYPE application/program, as you know, that we can work every week with the isolated congregations: Baie-Comeau (4 hours from here) and La Tuque (at 2:30 hours from here). We also use the telephone on Sunday for the member in La Pocatière (5 hours from here). I plan to visit all of them few times this year. They also plan to come here for visiting during our services and some for helping us into the work of the building. We believe, indeed, that through our new building the brotherhood of Quebec will be encouraged, edified and strengthen. The work of Quebec is in a great need of ways for fellowship, gatherings, seminars and retreat. This is one of the most reason we have built that multi-function building. The congregations who know about the multi-function building are very encouraged and excited about it! We need your prayers for few restorations with hope for in Baie-Comeau: Sylvain, Michel, Nadia and Daniel. We keep working with them.

BUILDING OPENING 2015

One of our main goal of the year 2015 is to have a public opening of the building, that is to be able to publicly advertise, to publicly announce, to have a street sign and to invite people publicly with the street address of the building. Presently, and since 2007, we meet in our building anyway, but with a public opening allowed by the rules of the city. it will help more to reach people. What we need to have in order to be public, it is to finish some constructions in order to meet the rules of a public construction. So it is our plan this year to meet these requirements. When it is done, we will put a street sing and we will begin to advertise. This public opening will not be the grand opening. It will simply be a public open door. We surely plan also to have a grand opening where we will first invite the brotherhood and on a second event, we will invite the public to a great event. The grand opening will be made into two different events that we will have on the same month. There will be also another event that we will have before the main opening: a preachers meeting of the whole brotherhood of Quebec and some other preachers of our brethren in the French world.

A YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR THE GRAND OPENING IN 2016

Since we will have the public opening this year, we hope to have more opportunities to reach more people. If we reach more people this year, it will be more helpful to have the grand opening in 2016. This way we will not need to ask to many brethren from other congregations in Quebec to help us to hold this event. For we really plan to have a very complete program for a whole day (a Saturday). In this program: 1) there will be several lessons presented by different french preachers of the brotherhood of Quebec and some others of other Countries; 2) there will be songs, prayers and other activities (e.g. visit of the building and of the Bible camp playground); will have a lunch, cafe breaks and maybe a supper... So, we really want to be well prepared for this big event that we plan for 2016.

BUILDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTIONS

The year 2014 ended with a big challenge: we had few days to find an engineer report to meet all requirements for a permit for the last constructions before the end of the year 2015. Indeed, a new city law was to take place in 2015 in our road: no church will be allowed anymore. More ever, the cost of an engineer plan was over \$5500 CAN plus tax or a minimum of \$1500 for an engineer report -- and the City was looking for an engineer plan! We wondered why we were having such a statement from the city and so late! Such news stroke me on my face! So this is what I understood as «an intervention of Satan». What really happened was a mistake of the non-experienced city inspector who did not mention any engineer for our building when we bought the construction permit in 2013.

With the blessing of God, we found an engineer and an engineer report was enough (cost \$1500), and everything was ready at time, that is, three days before the end of 2014! Praise the Lord!!! AMEN! Although we got

the right of establishment in 2010 when we gave our barn and bought the land, these last requirements were needed not to have any problem with the new rules. Also, I want you to know for sure that the assistance of the city inspectors (Daniel and Carine) was without reproach, and amazing with a great care since the very beginning of our project!... Even the case of the engineer requirements was brought to me very gently by the two inspectors in a very kind spirit of care. Indeed, they both called me in a conference call urged me to find an engineer before the end of 2014 for they did not want me/us to get any trouble. Finally, I am very glad that we will be the only Church building in our road, aren't you? :)

BUILDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTIONS NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OPENING

Most of the work has been done to finish the multi-function building (without the dormitory). However, before the public opening, we need to do specific constructions because of the public construction code for a public opening. Here is the list of the construction needed to be done :

- To finish the facade covering Steel and boards (we have the material);
- To finish the walls and the ceiling of the library (we have most of the material);
- To make a stair in the main room to reach the bible classes, library and the office by the inside (we do not have the material);
- To add 2" X 10" and 2" X 6" on the ceiling structure of the main room -- the engineer requirements.
- To fix the pic of the roof with new steel (we have the material);
- To construct two upstairs exits: one for the office (we have most of the material) and one for the class room and library (we do not have the material);
- To fix the sheetrock on the ceiling of the main room and of the new kitchen room (we do not have the material);
- To fix and adjust new ducts (heating the building) (we have most of the material)...

If we could get all the funds for the cost of all these constructions, we could have a public opening in the Spring. Nevertheless, it is not the case for now. So, since we do not have the money needed to do so, I do not see a public opening before the Fall this year. Also, as you know, we do most of the constructions ourselves to spend the less money as much as possible since the beginning of the project. Nevertheless, in the case that we would have the privilege to get all the money needed, we would not object it for sure! However, I am now calculating the material cost for the constructions needed just mentioned above, but without entrusting the construction to a constructor. I plan to give it to you within few days.

BUILDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTIONS HELP

The participation into the building construction project of so many brothers and sister of the brotherhood have been to us inestimable and extremely effective! Please accept this BIG THANK FROM ALL OF US! What you have done will be a great help also in the brotherhood of Quebec for all the uses we plan to have with it.

Again this year, we will have the privilege and blessing to have the visit and help of some of you. For now we expect four groups. Out of the four, three have already sent us the days of their journey. These three groups are: 1) Woodsfield, OH congregation June 10 to June 14 (30 people) ; 2) Sand Spring, OK congregation from June 27 to July 2 (8 to 12 people) and the Sojourners from August 1 to August 16. The fourth group we expect is our sponsoring Church West Main, MS, but we did not get any dates yet.

SUPPORT LOST

Since January, we lost an important monthly support: \$650 US. We lost a \$500 US monthly from one congregation who needed to invest in their local Work and we lost another \$150 US monthly from another congregation who had to drop a part of their support. Unfortunately, we can not afford that big lost! So we need to recover that lost urgently to meet our obligations of life. If some of you can help in part or in total, we would appreciate that a lot. So can you let us know or you can contact our sponsoring congregation. Thanks also for your prayers and present financial support! We want also to thank these two congregations, Aberdeen, MS and Tenth and RockFord, OH for all the support they gave us all these years for the Work.

MY VISIT IN APRIL

I plan to visit our supporting congregations in the coming April. I would leave here on the 9th and be back on the 30th of April. I plan to send you the schedule within 2 weeks.

FAMILY NEWS FROM ANNE'S PEN

Myriam is sick with her sinuses since the beginning of fall. Please pray for her. Since we lost a lot of our support we are not able to provide for Myriam's and for Jean-Philippe's education. He had to quit school because of his health problems and needs to continue his education at home with some adult schooling as well as Myriam who has an attention disorder. Since they are now out of the public schooling system, the costs are on our shoulders and we cannot meet the fees. It is very sad to see them unable to continue their education.

We thank everyone who sent us Christmas gifts, they were carefully used to make some teeth repairs in Jean, Myriam and Jean-Philippe's mouths. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you abundantly.

Anne is doing her best, despite her health problem with her spine. She puts a lot of heart and efforts in the Charity Ministry for the Church with the knitting for poor people. She wants to thank you sincerely for your generosity and will welcome any amount of yarn you want to share, even left over yarn, she puts it all together to make blankets and none is lost.

Soon she will start her seedlings for the vegetable garden. This year she will make a special patch for the kids of the Church to teach them how to grow veggies and have a good time in fellowship with them. The kids are very excited and looking forward to it.

During March break the children will be invited to build a snow fort to have a hot chocolate and marshmallows on wood fire evening with all the brethren of the Church. People who will want to sleep over are welcomed to stay at our house and in the Church building as well. We will take some pictures of the event and share them with you.

We are also planning to have an ice fishing afternoon this Friday with the children of the Church and their parents. The biggest fish will be rewarded for sure haha! Let's pray we don't catch a Groenland shark! :D

Fraternally in the love of God through Jesus' Word!

Jean, Anne, Myriam and Jean-Philippe