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Multiply disciples, train leaders

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... 1 Co 15.20

Spring is starting to show its nose! It is a time in the year of anticipation and hope. It is two Sundays we can gather again in our Church facilities. Everyone is so happy to meet together after so many months being isolated in our homes, worshiping alone with our TV. People arrive early and don't want to leave after the service! This pandemic situation makes us more than ever realize how much this psalm is true: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity! Ps 133.1.

Although meeting others is limited, these last months have been busy. Two couples have arrived in the area and have joined two small Churches to help out with the leadership. We are very thankful seeing how the Lord has equipped these couples.

In Cowansville



Samuel Sarpiya comes from Nigeria and his wife from South Africa. They have lived a number of years in USA and have served in different countries. Samuel has a

doctorate degree and was a very respected leader in the group of Church he comes from in the States. Among other things, he was asked to help out as peace maker in Churches and was chaplain in the police. Although all his qualifications, with his wife, they are so humble and desiring to serve in the little community God has led them too.

Cowansville is a town of about 13,000 inhabitants. It's particularity is the important English speaking community. These last two or three years, added to that, a number of immigrants have arrived from

English-speaking Nigeria and have joined the little Baptist Church. Seeing the need, the French speaking have decided to become a bilingual Church. It is a unique situation that is a blessing for all. They start the service by worshiping together in both languages. Then the group separates as the English speaking are served by an English speaker and the French by a French preacher. Jean-Pierre went a few times in the year to preach for our English-speaking brothers and sisters.

Samuel has now taken over the pastoral ministry for the English community. With Eric Leblanc, the French pastor, they make a great team and enjoy working together.

We also anticipate that Samuel will be of a great help, with his qualifications and experience, to help train leaders and teach, being an excellent resource for Sembeq.

We had the opportunity to interview French speaking young Quebecers that God has led in Cowansville, Luc and Fabienne. They have a burden to serve the Lord and show leadership capacities. Luc has started to train with Sembeq and Eric Leblanc is coaching him.

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In Farnham



A young family has arrived in Farnham. He is American and she is Mexican. They have a number of years' experience in living in foreign countries and have a very good adaptation

capacity. Jacob has two master's degree and is learning French. He has a pastor's heart and a gift for teaching and disciple making. Zabdi is quite fluent in French. She has management capacities and is very

talented in design. They are very appreciated by the Farnham Church having a servant spirit. Since Jacob has no pastoral experience, we will be coaching them as they continue to be involved in Farnham. In June, a swiss missionary family that was serving the Church for 5 years, will be leaving to return to Switzerland. The Church will be left without a pastor. Our local Xtension network will be supporting and helping the Church.

Jacob will also be very helpful in teaching and training leaders in the area. It will be of our responsibility to integrate him in the regional ministry.

In St-Césaire



In St-Césaire the Church is still in a planting situation. They are dependent on the Granby mother Church. They are a very dynamic and dedicated group. We have had the opportunity to get to know more personally Manu, Zachary and Raphaël as we were one of their teachers when they were part of the missionary year in Granby in 2018 and 2019. We hear many good news of them, on how they are growing and gaining maturity. They love sharing the Gospel. They are very appreciated in their involvement in the small Church. Raphaël is getting married in September.

The Xtension network leaders have been praying for new leaders to emerge for the local Churches and for others to come join the team. We have seen these last months how the Lord has been answering in amazing ways.



The main need for these leaders to stay and be efficient in their service, is financial. The Churches they are serving in are small and do not have the capacity to fully support these families. The Granby Church, participates as much as possible but the need is still great.

In the months to come, mainly for the Sarpiyas in Cowansville and the Ainsworth in Farnham, their staying or having to leave will depend on support they can find.

Pray with us God will provide. As He has led them in our Montérégie region, may He provide for them to stay and have a fruitful ministry.

Christ lives! He is victorious!

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