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CANADIAN MISSION FRONT!

The Province of Quebec is the largest unreached people group in North America. Its population is 7.6 million people with only .05% evangelical. There are less Evangelical Christians in Quebec than in Cuba. To have a church for every 1500 people, over 4,000 new churches would need to be planted. There are over 1,000 spiritual organizations and cults in Quebec.

Quebec ranks number one in Canada in suicide, child poverty, divorce, unmarried couples, and illegitimate births. Suicide is the single highest cause of death among males ages 15 to 24.

A natural language barrier exists between Quebec and the rest of Canada. Montreal is the second largest French-speaking city in the world, after Paris. And their historical identity is VASTLY different and unique because of the French founding fathers.

That said ... FamilyLife gave an **awesome**

Next Level Marriage Conference in the month of April. Our Next Level Conference is a one-day conference held at the request of a business owner or organization for the benefit of the employees.

There were 27 couples attending, and 25 stayed for the optional last session that is an introduction to Christ. Quebec is an exceptionally dark and oppressive province, but the response was nothing but positive in regard to the conference. FamilyLife has asked the business owner to sponsor the translation of our material into French for the Quebec people ... and there is a bilingual Quebec couple who has agreed to go through the training to

become speakers for FamilyLife. They will then go on to train French speaking couples to carry on the message throughout Quebec. It really is an exciting breakthrough!

It is humbling that God has allowed us to be a part of an organization that can reach across the continent and around the world through the combined efforts of a small team. Last October, missionary friends of ours, Neal and June Black, introduced the material of FamilyLife to the country of Paraguay. Since then, Paraguay had 19 conferences in a 5 week span! Neal and June trained 16 Paraguayan couples to be FamilyLife speaker teams ... those couples then turned around and



Carrie, online mentoring

trained 87 more couples! Ten Christian couples got together and invited 10 non-Christian couples to a 5-week Homebuilders bible study. At the end of the 5 weeks ... everyone had professed a newfound faith in Jesus Christ! Pray for the families of Paraguay! Oh,

and Paraguay wants us to share our single-parent material with them as soon as it's available.

All of the staff of FamilyLife Canada must wear many hats. Rob and I included. He is busy with design projects, single-parent ministry,

and has agreed with leadership that he and I will go through the speaker training in the fall. We will then be more prepared when we are called upon to speak for the single-parent ministry or another conference.

We have both begun to mentor with Power To Change's on-line mentoring ministry ... Truth Media. Rob is going to insert some information on how YOU TOO can become an online mentor for marriage, family,

parenting, and teens (and/or many other topics such as alcohol, drug, or sexual abuse)! It is an easy way to disciple one-on-one and you can choose to accept as many questions and topics as you can handle.

I, Carrie, have also bought an old kitchen table and squeezed it into my sunny, south-facing bedroom. I'll be organizing and typing up our notes for the writing of the first rough draft for single-parent family ministry. I must

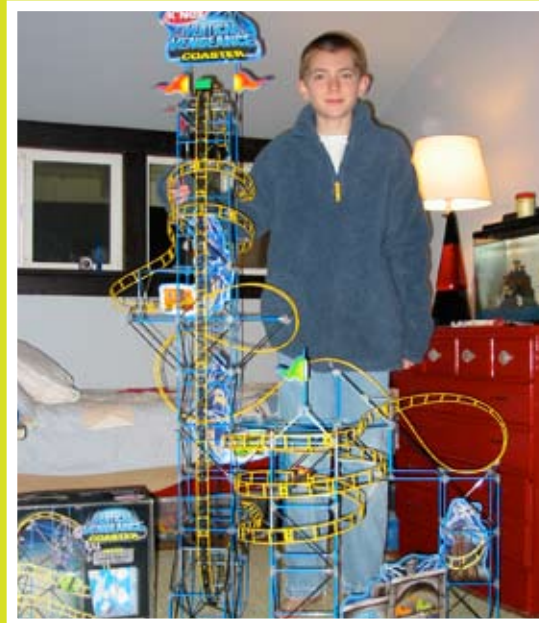
say ... it hasn't been easy waiting on the Lord for direction ... and we still aren't positive as to what exactly it will look like and if it will be received well by leadership.

We are as convicted as ever that we need

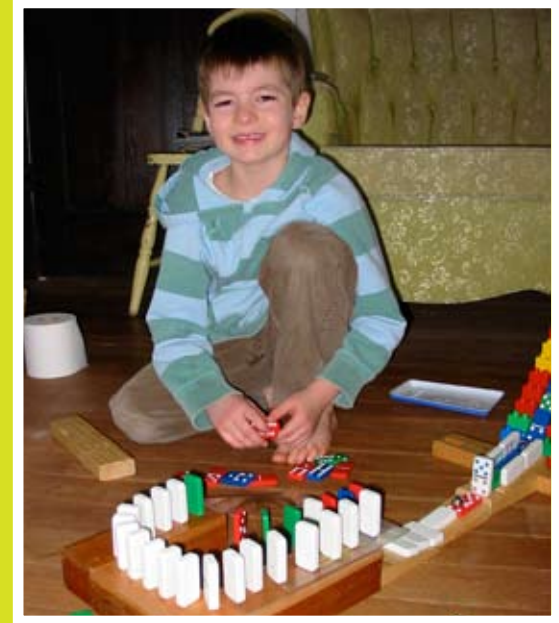
to remain focused on why we are here. And although we definitely want to be servants to FamilyLife as a whole and are excited to do different projects, we are being purposeful in putting single-parent family ministry first in



Carrie said a couple were bad eggs ... whatever was she talking about?



Max still builds amazing things ...



Isaac has become fascinated with building quite intricate Domino's.

our hearts and minds. Continue to pray for us!

We also LOVE the opportunity God gives us to share Christ in our daily lives. When you set your mind on finding ways to love others, you're most likely to come up against some good lessons in how to have Godly perspective and attitude!

Rob has waited YEARS ⌚ for the opportunity to buy a used Jeep. It had to be the RIGHT Jeep. It had to be affordable, in good condition and it had to come with a sense of PEACE and not one of urgency or anxiety (you know, that awful "I have to have it" feeling you should never have when making an important purchase.)

Just last week Rob found

his 1994 Jeep Wrangler. He traded the nice little Saturn wagon that my parents had given him several years ago for the car of his dreams. He had been so patient and so frugal in his search!

Well, after owning his Jeep for 3 short days, we returned home from an overnight trip to find that one of the neighborhood

kids had put deep scratches through the paint on the hood with something sharp.

Earlier that week, Rob had asked that same little guy to pick some trash up he had dropped in the neighbors yard. The kid had refused ... giving Rob the "what are you going to do about it" look.

To tell the truth, after living in the inner-city, we are well aware of the consequences of calling young people out on their bad behavior. And even before Rob asked this particular 3rd grader to pick up his trash, he hesitated. Does he choose to ignore the behavior ... thus not draw the negative attention towards his

family and children. Or does he stand up, with love as the guiding force, and try to represent some degree of morality and authority to the kids around us day in and day out.

Rob obviously choose to do what he felt was right ... and now has the opportunity to "love" that child even further. 😊

What can *one* person do?

FamilyLife has many people email us concerning marriage, divorce, pornography, sexual issues, etc. I (Rob) find that everytime I get to mentor and pray for someone, it encourages me just as much. I'd like to offer you the opportunity to become an online mentor with us. It's not a difficult process, but there are some guidelines.

To read the Online Mentor Guidelines, log in at <http://training.truthmedia.com/mentoring/defineroles.html>. Complete and submit the application form. It initially goes to the TruthMedia department of Power To Change. In order to help us, please put the words, "I want to be a mentor for FAMILYLIFE," at the beginning of your answer to the question "WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO MENTOR?" After your application form has been processed, you'll receive an email

on accessing the online training ... thereafter, a password to log in and answer mentor inquiries on our system.

Now all you have to do is pin-up the verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

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➡ We need your prayers on behalf of unborn children in Canada. Abortion is legal in Canada through the 9th month of pregnancy. Yes, you read write ... through the 9th month. You can learn more at abortionincanada.ca. It's going to be difficult for some of you, but I am sincerely asking you to look under the "Methods" page. It's important that we know the issues when we are so close to an election of a new president, and abortion should be an IMPORTANT issue for every one of us. We are accountable to God for voting in men and women who represent God's ABSOLUTE TRUTH. We need to look beyond the world-view of "what is good for me" and hold ourselves to a biblical standard. How have we let it go so far wrong? God forgive us and encourage us to seek Your truth!

➡ For our little town of Sumas ... we believe that there is a spirit left over from its ruff and rowdy past. It was primarily a border town that housed a dozen bars and another dozen gas stations. Now those bars and stations are mostly closed, but the spirit still remains. The number of people you meet that have a strong presence of alcoholism is overwhelming. We pray for our

local government and it's officers. We pray for the Spirit of the Lord to be a wise and harmless presence among the Christian citizens of Sumas. We pray for a sense of defeat to be replaced by a sense of awesome opportunity!

➡ It's been nearly a year since we've seen our families. We miss you SO much Mom and Dad ... Grandma and Grandpa! Pray for the bit of sadness that occasionally creeps into our hearts. Pray for the bit of doubt that surfaces during difficult times.

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➡ FamilyLife is in negotiations with Asian Outreach in Hong Kong. Asian Outreach is the largest mission's organization in China. They want to broadcast FamilyLife Canada's television show "Marriage Uncensored" in China where it is illegal to have Christian television. Awesome!

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GREEN'S PRÄYER SUPPÓRT

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➡ Max had asked for some general prayers ... things he thought could be improved on with God's help. Well, thank you! He is a wonderful kid and doing just great! Go to our website (www.familylifers.com) to see a video of Max playing his piano. His teacher, Ms. Carolyn, has a beautiful spirit and was a missionary in Japan and Brazil for nearly 50 years.

➡ We had friends gift us a trailer load of poop! Manure that is! We just finished building raised beds for some spring planting, and had hoped for some good organic manure. Mel and Tim own a farm with EVERY animal imaginable ... horses, cows, goats, pigs, lamas, sheep, and a duck. What a huge blessing it is to be given such precious gold for my gardens!

➡ Praise God for an invitation from

Indian friends of the Sikh faith to come with them to temple. The way doors are open to talk about Christ is unbelievable ... more about that in our next newsletter!

