

Mittons On The Move

October 2008 Update From Verdun, Quebec

There was only one hour to go...

and Kim & I were wondering if we were ever going to get our last suitcase packed before leaving for the Cotonou International airport on June 13th!

For 2 days running, we had a steady stream of visitors ranging from Beninese and expatriate friends to church colleagues.

The visits meant SO much to us as we said our final goodbyes to a country we have come to love over the past 18 years. Doing shift work, Kim & I did in fact get that suitcase



Our kids with their cousins in Knoxville, Tenn.!

packed in time! Too bad the plane was 5 hours late due to an electrical storm! Since then, we have slept in 7 different locations and clocked up 6,001 kilometers on our vehicle.

Our travels to visit supporters and friends were excellent!



Wherever we went, we were reminded of our future

ministry amongst French speaking people in Quebec. In New Orleans the French Quarter enlightened us to their French heri-

tage... and meeting up with Celestine, a Beninese friend, made us home sick all over again! In Knoxville, Tenn. we shared in an

adult Sunday school class about the similar needs that exist in Benin and Quebec. Our kids attended the church's youth group and we

📖 Kidz Korner 📖

- 👉 They loved their re-entry seminar in Buffalo, N.Y.
- 👉 The seminar enlightens missionary kids what to expect as they reintegrate into their passport country.
- 👉 They were ecstatic about meeting Celestine, a Beninese friend in Mississippi, along with our friend Anne!
- 👉 They will never forget their day at the Dollywood park in Tennessee with their cousins.
- 👉 In Rock Hill, S.C. , they loved hanging out with Crystal and playing games.
- 👉 Lots of birthday parties in Ontario!

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God delights in all people groups

challenged the youth pastor to consider sending a team of workers to either Benin or Quebec; he was all ears!

From there we headed to Rock Hill, S.C. to chill out with my sister and family! We were brought up to speed of Sandys' ministry at the SIM USA office and Jim's aviation tasks. During the Sunday worship service Kim happened to notice a Canadian flag hanging on the church wall. At the end of the service we were introduced to **Frankie and Brendan missionaries with a group called "La Clef" ...**

'By prayer and in faith we depend on God for the provision of all our needs. We will demonstrate integrity & accountability in using the resources God provides.'

working in Montreal, Quebec! Upon their return to Montreal, we look forward to getting to know them and their groups that we might network with. Yes, all along the way, from state to state many of the road signs on the highways had French names which reminded us again of the need to minister to French speaking Quebecois. Ah... finally we are back in Montreal! It

is so good to have friends like the Fishers who so generously took us in for 7 weeks!



What are our plans from now until March/09?

Without hesitating, we can firmly say we are in the process of finalizing our Home Assignment speaking schedule as we would love to visit you and share about the amazing things God has done in Benin since 2005!

Jelus is a Beninese man from our Cotonou church. By faith he works as a treasurer for Wycliffe Benin. About 1 year ago Jelus invited me out for a coffee as he wanted to glean from me ideas as to how we raised monthly support and how we developed our ministry goals. Check out below his vision for Benin!

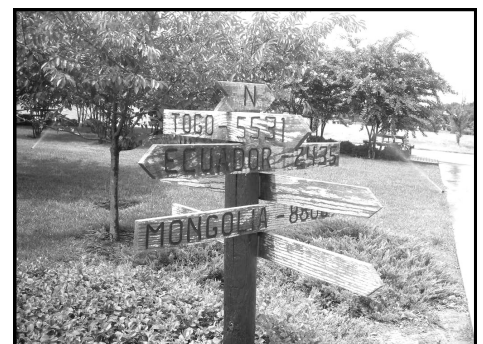
Jelus envisions Beninese who can read and write in their local language!

This is quite an undertaking, yet he firmly believes it is possible. He is passionate about his work and his enthusiasm comes through as he shares his dream in churches across Benin! We feel privileged to have had a small part in encouraging Jelus to live out his vision everyday.

He struggles to make ends meet, yet by faith he carries on, never complaining. Amazing eh?! Kim & I love seeing Beninese who are obedient to God's calling!

Do pray for Jelus and his small family and their vision for Benin.

His vision also extends to Togo!



Interestingly enough, our goals and desires

match up with those of Jelus. As Beninese learn to read and write, then our task of training lay leaders is possible.

We have another thing in common with Jelus. He lacks monthly monetary support simply because he is a missionary in his home country.

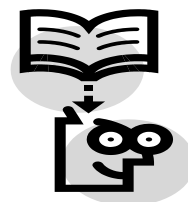
Kim & I are forever grateful for your faithful support over the past 18 years as we served with

SIM in Benin. Although our place of ministry changes our status as full-time missionaries and our support requirements do not. Thank you for standing with us in this new endeavor! **(See support needs on next page).

I can guarantee that as you receive our updates on Quebec you will get excited about the

needs here and then abroad. Join us, with your gifts & talents, in the near future, to serve God right here in Quebec ... and of course in Benin and beyond. Missions **IS people ... reaching people !**

Ah yes people ... they are everywhere ... so read on to learn what we hope to accomplish .



Quebec Bound



Time For Facts:

- ☞ Between 1971 & 1986 Quebec experienced a revival.
- ☞ Quebec is the least reached region of all the Americas.
- ☞ Today Quebec receives & sends missionaries.

- ☞ In general fewer missionaries go to French speaking countries/provinces.
- ☞ There are over 1,000 French speaking Africans in the greater Montreal area.
- ☞ 7.5 million people in Quebec.

Our New Ministry Goals:
We foresee ourselves as catalysts who will mobilize national & international people to short and long term missions from the province of Quebec .

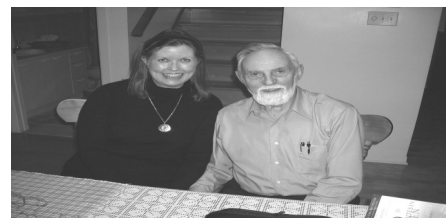
As members of the SIM Quebec Team

we will be building relationships with churches and individuals to mobilize them to become involved in God's mission in Quebec and around the world.

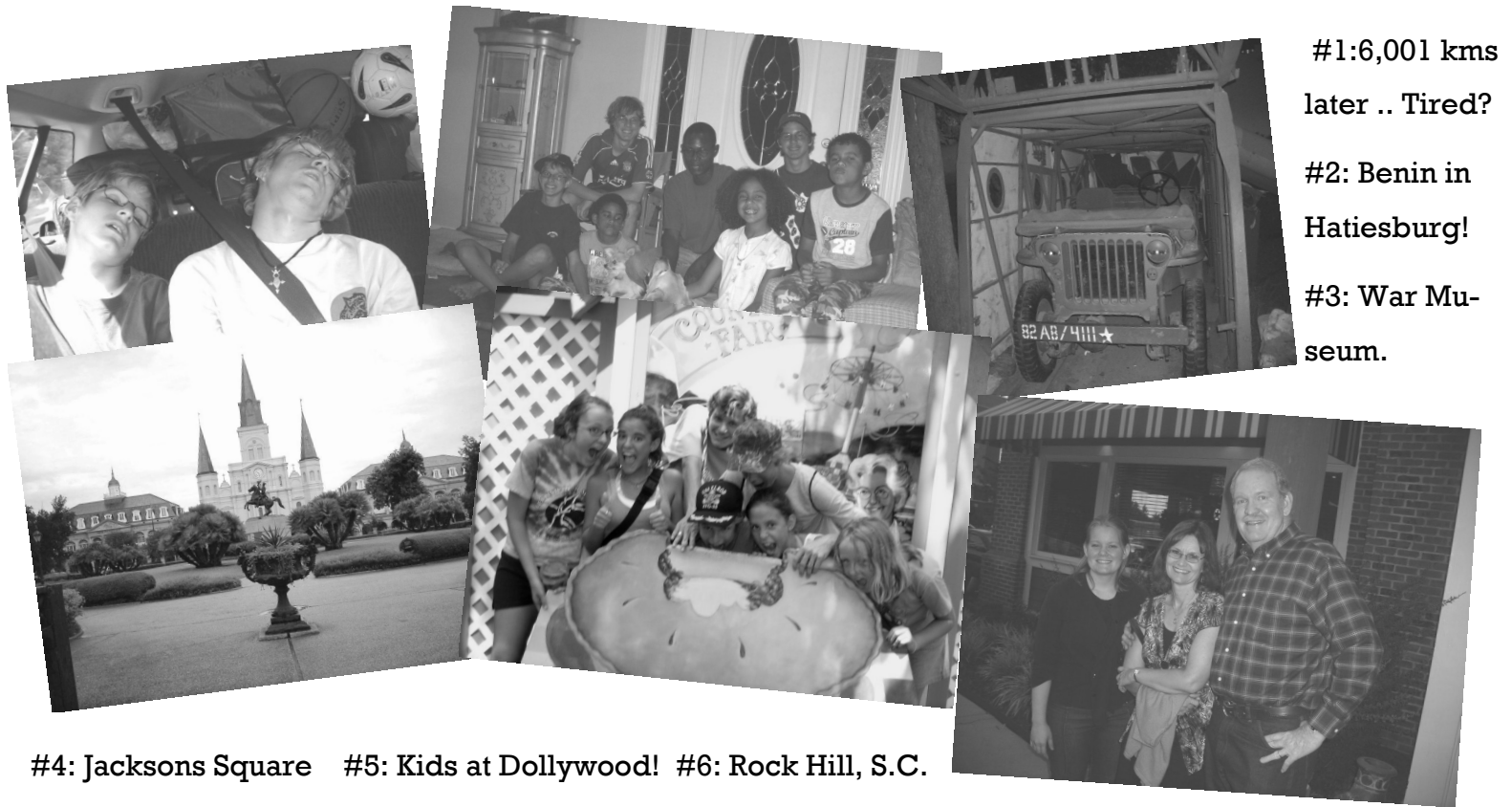
This will involve teaching, training, mentoring and leading short-term trips which will be part of a

process to help people towards greater and longer-term involvement in God's mission to the world. Our SIM Quebec Team Leader is eager to develop job descriptions for us where our gifts and experience will plug in well to the overall vision while

giving us opportunities to grow in ministry. (The Brandles')



★ FUN STUFF... PICTURES ★



#1: 6,001 kms later .. Tired?
 #2: Benin in Hatiesburg!
 #3: War Museum.

#4: Jacksons Square #5: Kids at Dollywood! #6: Rock Hill, S.C.

***** Each photo represents a story and a memory that will last forever!!**

Serious Stuff ... Will You Pray?

The change of seasons is finally upon us! The leaves are falling and soon the branches will be coated with snow! Life is full of changes.

Seems like many things have been falling in our lives ... like our monthly support. By way of information, we are presently \$500.00 per month short of our monthly budget. *Come January*



2009, we will be \$1,520.00 short as some major supporting churches have reinvested their mission funds elsewhere. We are so grateful to God for the excellent 18 years of partnering with these awesome churches, but the time has come to 'branch' out and partner with other churches of like interest. Pray earnestly with us, as we believe God can supply this need, even though it is a daunting amount. Like Jelus, we believe in a God who delights in surprising us!

- Pray for Eric & Nicholas as they adapt to a new school and make new friends.
- Praise God that Jonathan has found work before heading to university next year.
- For our financial needs to be met before the end of 2008. Yes!
- Pray for the personnel needs for a leadership trainer and teacher among the Fon people in Benin.

Brian & Kim & The Boys