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Mittons' June 2009 Letter

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# An incredible person...

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## Facts on Quebec:

- ≥ More than 100 ethnic groups.
- ≥ Strong focus on the "arts."
- ≥ Highest university students per capita in N.A.
- ≥ Ranks # 1 in Canada in suicides, divorce, child poverty and live-in couples.
- ≥ Less evangelicals in Quebec than in Cuba.
- ≥ 20% of all books sold in Quebec are New Age.



## Some of you may think that I am talking

about **you** ... and yes, you may be a pretty amazing person too ... but in actual fact I am talking about **Jelus**. Does his name ring a bell?

One of the great joys of being back in Benin for 3 weeks was not only being able to teach a seminar on Principles of Spiritual Growth or obtaining pertinent data regarding how future teams can assist the church or the fact that I was able to preach on three occasions to people I love. No, it was hooking up again with **Jelus** and hearing his *faith* stories about what God is doing in his life and church.

An amazing moving of God's spirit is taking place in his church. After organizing his church's first ever Missions conference, he was dumb-founded when a man came up to him and offered the church a brand



new Honda 125 motorbike to be used for evangelism and village outreach! Folks, this gift is the equivalent of about 6 months salary or more. Only God can bring this kind of a result... not man's words or teachings!! Secondly, Jelus shared about the need for a person(s) to shepherd two new church plants. One couple

is seriously considering this request and of course will use the new motorbike! Two stunning acts of obedience all because Jelus dared to challenge folks to *give and go... I love it!!* God then started to work in Jelus' heart with regards to having the New Testament translated into his mother tongue. This friends, is obedience in action ! Great!

## Missions... *IS* what God is all about...

Kim & I are so conscious that we are here to **serve** the church and individuals with regards to their **mission** on earth and **help** folks to discern God's will for their life ... which may or may not include SIM. Quebec **IS** a real mission field! "It's not that the church has a mis-

sion, but that God's mission has a church." (SIM Canada). We want to equip churches to fulfill Christ's commission. Last weekend was so encouraging as we were at a French church which has over 27 nationalities, sends many folks overseas, and has a heart for Quebec. They have planted at least 2



churches in the greater Montreal area. We were preaching to the converted! The joys of serving God!

## One of the ways that Kim and I



can better serve in the province of Quebec is by upgrading certain skills. Kim enrolled in an intensive 60 hour ESL course through Oxford University here in Montreal. The certificate she obtained will open up doors within the national and international community. Come September, Kim is excited about helping out with our church's kids club which reaches out to needy children and their parents in the Verdun area.

I am presently taking a full-time 3 month French course so as to sharpen my written and spoken French skills.

Through my classes God has laid a burden on my heart for the many immigrants (Allophones) that exist in the Montreal area. Harold and Oliva came to Canada 18 months ago. They sold their family farm and their home with hopes of finding a better life for their son.

On numerous occasions Harold

has expressed his difficulties in adapting to Canada's lifestyle and the fact that his degree in Agriculture is not fully accepted by our government. He is experiencing culture shock. There is a huge ministry to be had assisting new arrivals in our country.

This past week we met with our SIM Canada Director and a colleague. We are excited about the possibilities to minister in the areas of: sports, tutoring and after school programs,

assisting missions committees in their vision and coordinating and training leaders for short-term teams.

### PRAY:

⇒ That we will be able to meet in July with a number of Pastors in the Verdun / Lasalle area.

⇒ For Kim as she meets with a teacher at Brian's school with regards to ESL.

⇒ That the boys will find some part-time work and for Jonathan as he finishes off work and gets ready for College in August.

⇒ For refreshing family holidays at a camp with my brother and his family.



Brian's classmates Gurnaib & Harold

**"People in Quebec are not interested in the life of their souls. It's sad, but it's reality."  
(Toronto Star/Feb. 28/09)**

## "Quebec churches need a miracle" ...

We believe in a God of miracles! We believe that God has called us to Quebec.

We believe that God is deeply concerned about the *spiritual state* of those within the borders of Quebec.

We believe that one by one, as we befriend and mentor those whom God brings across our path, that Quebec

churches will most definitely regain their "**sense of mission**".

We are committed to seeing this happen. We want to grow people ... we want to be passionate and intentional as we go about God's work here in Quebec. Our ministry is not about SIM... **it is about GOD... it IS about GOD!**

By faith we joined SIM in 1990 and by faith we left Benin in 2008 to a new ministry. We want to remain focused in ministry here in Quebec. Even as we write this letter our faith is being stretched within the realm of finances. *Desperate situations demand desperate measures!* We are open to this idea if need be.

## Like you, we have suffered financial setbacks in this year..

We are all living in very difficult financial times due to the world's economic crisis. Just like the Quebec church, we need a miracle to take place with regards to our financial deficit.

**Presently we are \$1,500.00 a month short of support.**

Many of you already know that we do not receive a monthly salary, but rather, by faith, rely 100% on support through churches and individuals. This shortfall must be met by September so as to ensure that Kim & I don't have to look for part-time employment outside of SIM.

☑ We are trusting God to bring to us **75 new financial partners @ \$20.00/month.**

☑ This small dollar amount is in keeping with the strenuous economic situation that is before us. Sounds do-able?

☑ Our desire is to use our talents & gifts in Quebec in a relational and missional way.

☑ This is our last letter before September, so if God is tugging at your heart to respond favorably to this urgent financial need then please let us know via email or regular mail. Thank you!

☑ Direct monthly donations can be sent to the SIM addresses in this letter and should mention MITTONS

MONTHLY SUPPORT (#41033).

**Let us pray this money in!**

Grateful for you all,

*The Mitton family*





