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## Mittons' In Touch Update

*“ Let us see this world, oh God, as though we were looking through your eyes.  
A world of men and women who don't know you, but a world for which you died.*

*Let us kneel with you in the garden. Blur our eyes with tears of agony, for if we could always see the world the way you see it,  
we would surely serve you more faithfully.”*  
**(a quote from a dear friend of ours).**

Since we last wrote you in July here are a few interesting observations that we have made about the community that we live in and work in:

- ⇒ Most of the “depanneurs” (small grocery stores) are owned/run by either Chinese or South Koreans.
- ⇒ There are a variety of restaurants ranging from Vietnamese, to Chinese, to Iranian, to Lebanese to Quebecois, to Italian, to Mexican, to African.
- ⇒ Many of the closed secondary schools are now being used for adult studies. Most of the students are foreigners seeking to upgrade their French or upgrading their skills from their home country.
- ⇒ The majority of the folks waiting to get on the local bus or subway are immigrants (allophones).
- ⇒ The stores that seem to do the best are the Dollar stores or second-hand shops.
- ⇒ A high number of Quebecers in this area are single parents.

What does this all mean to Kim and I? What are we to do with these facts? In brief it tells us that Verdun has changed immensely since the days when Kim grew up in this neighborhood in the mid 60's to early nineties. It tells us that many immigrants have moved into Verdun due to lower rent fees. It tells us that there are many single parents suffering from broken relationships and are in need of being loved and helped to re-integrate into society again. It tells us that many are frustrated as they can not properly communicate at a deep level and are anxious to enter into the work force through extra studies. Lord, these are ALL your people ... they are just as precious to you as the wealthy CEOs that live only 30 minutes away from Verdun. Pray that Kim and I will be able to build value and love into these folks/ discernment for ministry tasks. Pray that we will simply be faithful to *serve others from our heart.*

- ⇒ Pray for Jonathan as he registers online for his college courses/Eric & Nicholas for their studies.
- ⇒ Praise God that we are now only \$970.00/month short in support! ( 50 folks @ \$20.00/month puts us over the top!). Pray for us as we seek to partner with a church in this area. Love always, *The Mitton Clan*

*‘Life is the sum total of what you do with the moments given you.’ (Erwin McManus)*

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