



Serving with SIM Canada from Quebec ... to the world.

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits towards me?
(Psalm 116:12)**

How good it is to get away from a noisy & busy city and spend time together with men in a camp setting alongside of a beautiful lake! This was the case 2 weeks ago, as I spent the weekend tucked away in the eastern townships of Montreal with 12 men who had gathered together for the soul purpose of being built up & edified.... and have some fun too!!

After a casual walk through the dense woods with the early risers, we all headed back for breakfast followed by a time of sharing. Many men spoke from the heart ... some with tears because God had started something in their hearts ... others expressed a desire to get away more often as men ... yet others said that this was the best weekend of the year so far for them!

The thought of not being afraid, but rather being an overcomer was addressed. Guarding our hearts from greed, guilt, anger and jealousy caused us to look inward and upward. Bearing fruit and remaining close to God spoke to us deeply. As our time came to a close the word “*encouragement*” was key. We need to take Gods’ Word and use it to build ourselves and others up.

Before heading for lunch on the closing day, we took part in a communion service that allowed us to reflect on our need to be clean and pure before God and man because there is forgiveness in Christ. What a great weekend ... because we serve a great God who hears our cries for help and delivers us from bondage! What a great weekend! (Ministry in action...)

The following Sunday 3 men shared in the morning service what the retreat meant to them. In brief the weekend was a success for them as it allowed them to reflect where they are at with God and helped them to better understand how the body of Christ functions.

On a different note, do pray for Kim & I as we head to Guelph, ON for an SIM conference. Pray that this meeting will edify us through the speakers challenges and our interaction with follower SIMers. Following that meeting we are off to speak at a supporting church in Paris, ON ... no not Paris, France! Pray for the kids as they hang out back in Montreal with my parents. Thank you so much for your prayers!

~ The Mitton Clan ~

“ Faith continues to believe, trust & wait when the hot scorching breathe of adversity blows unrelentingly across the landscape of your circumstances.”
(Patrick Morley)

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