

Priorities of Life

The second level is also available for all believers. After the foundation of the first tier has been established, the second level becomes more formal and in depth, leading to a more effective testimony. The main emphasis is looking at the **priorities of life**, effective testimony communication, managing follow-up visitation, and developing an action plan for the work environment. How effective our testimony will be and how reliable we are in responding to the opportunities God gives us are greatly dependent upon the priorities in our life. If our life is Christ-centered and Spirit-driven, the training and preparation of the first two levels will naturally fall into place and evangelism will not be thought of merely as an activity for a few, but rather an opportunity and blessing for all believers.

Gifted Aptitude In Evangelism

These first two levels may require from 1-4 years for adequate development. During the process it will be evident who God has blessed with a stronger **gifted aptitude in evangelism**. It will be these who will be encouraged to progress to the third and fourth levels of instruction, both of which will continue to remain the responsibility of the local church. During the third level, the topic of the salvation message, leading someone to the Lord, developing a list of contacts, and how to teach baptism and church membership will all be developed and applied to practical experience. The fourth level will focus on how to determine if a person is ready for training, understanding the process of training, understanding the stages of reproducing new servants for the Lord, and how to plan practical experiences. This process may take from 1-4 years.

Development of Leaders

The final level is for the **development of leaders** capable of equipping and mobilizing the local church to continue the five level program in evangelism and will require from 1-2 years for completion. This final level is the responsibility of SEMBEQ, under the leadership of Terry Cuthbert, and results in meeting the requirement for the Bachelor of Ministry degree with a concentration in Evangelism/Church Planting. During this time of instruction the topics of leadership,



the local church, how to mobilize a church, and human relations will be considered in light of equipping and mobilizing the local church for evangelism.

The Process Is Not Fast

This whole process may take anywhere from 5-10 years. **The process is not fast**, but continues to follow SEMBEQ's vision that development is not only in understanding information, but simultaneously having it become part of the character, life and purpose that the Lord has for each of us. However, it does not take 5-10 years before you can begin to "go ... and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to observe all that [the Lord has] commanded" (Matthew 28:19-20). We can begin to share the good news as soon as we have opportunity, just as Nick Cotnoir, pastor of **Emmanuel Evangelical Baptist Church** on the West Island of Montreal, is preparing his young son Samuel to do. Pray for the Lord to give wisdom, insight, discernment and strength to all those involved, either as leaders or students, as this program continues and is refined.



Nick and his son Samuel

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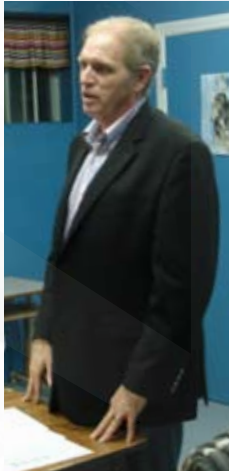
The Training of Evangelists

In the summer issue of *Quebec Alive*, we mentioned that one of the areas of concentration in SEMBEQ's Bachelor of Ministry program was in the area of Evangelism/Church Planting. SEMBEQ's initial and major emphasis has been and continues to be the training of pastors, but this additional emphasis is essential for reaching the lost in Quebec. This issue of *Quebec Alive* will give an overview of the training of evangelists and the mobilization of the local church to actively participate in sharing the Gospel to those in their particular spheres of influence. The Spring 2010 issue of *Quebec Alive* will highlight a few of the church plantings in Quebec.



Identify Evangelists

Noel Morissette is a very passionate evangelist in Quebec and teaches the evangelism course for SEMBEQ. In conjunction with his ministry project for his Master's degree, Noel has spearheaded the development of a program to train evangelists. He felt that there was a real need for more formal and practical training to prepare all believers to evangelize and particularly to further develop the ability of those gifted as evangelists. The vision of the program is to **identify evangelists** (just as Noel himself was identified by SEMBEQ's leaders), offer them the right instruction and opportunities, multiply them through this more formal and practical training, and develop their character and abilities in order to strengthen the testimony of the local church. The first step is to identify individuals who have the passion and ability to evangelize and then to train them and enable them to develop a more godly character and an ability to evangelize. Like the other programs of SEMBEQ, this will be done in conjunction with the local churches and with the use of the coaching model of training. Although those seen with evangelistic gifts are targeted, the desire is for the whole church to be impacted so that the general membership will be better equipped and motivated to share the good news of Jesus Christ in their individual witnessing.



Five Levels of Instruction

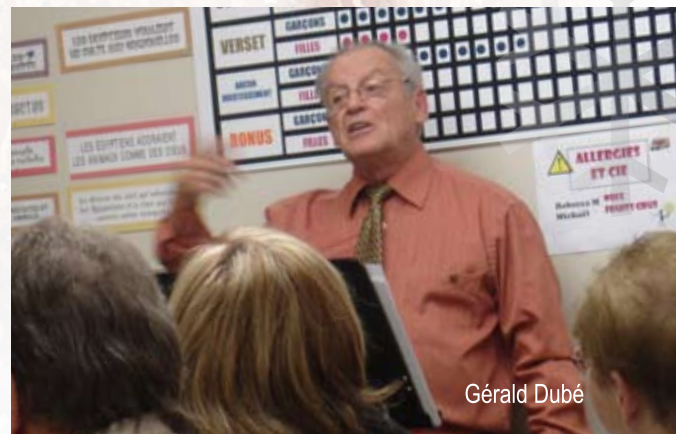
This program is finishing its first year of implementation and the initial structure is composed of **five levels of instruction**. The program has actually developed into a school of evangelism which may take as many as ten years to complete, depending on experience and time constraints. The first four levels were already in place to some degree in the **Evangelical Baptist Church of Terrebonne-Mascouche**. Therefore, SEMBEQ encouraged Noel Morissette to go there to



help oversee the program's development and progress and the church subsequently engaged him as pastor-evangelist. The fifth level is mainly the responsibility of SEMBEQ and is overseen by Terry Cuthbert. Exactly where a specific individual begins depends on the evaluation and development of his evangelistic abilities. The first and second levels are open to all and are meant to train the whole congregation to be more comfortable and confident in sharing their faith whenever and wherever they are asked to give a reason for the hope that is in them. The last three levels are for those who have been observed to be gifted in the area of evangelism.

God's Word, Prayer, and Visitation

Level one is open to all interested believers and actually began a more formal and intentional process on October 4, 2009 as the first meeting of the school of evangelism at the **Evangelical Baptist Church of Terrebonne-Mascouche**. This first meeting was attended by about 50 individuals and they were initially presented with three different courses from which to choose. Each of these courses would consist of five classes meeting every other week. Each of the courses was being taught by a member of the **Evangelical Baptist Church of Terrebonne-Mascouche**, reinforcing the vision of the local church training the saints for the ministry. The basic instruction of level one is built upon three pillars. The first pillar is developing a confidence in the understanding and use of **God's Word** by studying the Word and its basis for every aspect of life. As confidence is



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increased with the understanding of the work of God in each believer's life and a deepening of his relationship with God, the need and desire for more significant relationships with other believers and the lost become progressively clearer. One course given to develop confidence is the Evangelism Explosion course taught by Gerald Dube. Another course to build confidence, Creationist Apologetics, is taught by Michel Couillard. As this first pillar is being built, the necessity of bathing everything in prayer is being built into the second pillar. We are told to "pray constantly" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and "with every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and stay alert in this, with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18). Guy Lavoie is teaching a course on the study of God's Word and the importance of prayer. As pillars of confidence in the understanding of God's Word and the necessity of bathing everything in prayer are being



built, the third pillar is being established. This third pillar is one of visitation. We are to always be ready to give witness to the Lord's preeminence in our lives and we can even create opportunities by going door-to-door or going into public areas to present the good news of Jesus to strangers. However, the emphasis at this level is to visit those whom God has brought into the church as visitors. Intentional visitation allows for the practical implementation of the first two pillars. All this training and preparation is done under the coaching of an experienced leader of the local church.