

MY FAMILY ...



Jérémie Picard

Jérémie's school - We are waiting for the government's decision concerning the request made by Jérémie's English Christian school to offer the French secondary program. In Quebec, children are not allowed to attend English school unless one of the parents was educated in English. We decided not to send him to public school for a number of reasons. We do this by faith, but we believe God will answer.

A new life - "Once in my main room my dad decided to talk with me. He explained about the Bible. He said that Jesus died on the cross and they buried his body in a cave. After three days he resurrected and came back to life. His entire story touched me. So I went to an old chair and prayed. Then I became a Christian. I saw a big change in my life. I think that everybody needs to do the same thing as I did. Some people think that it is a waste of time but this is not true. I am proud of it, and I think that the entire world needs to know him."



Jérémie Picard, October 27, 2008
(School composition about my personal life)

Volunteer at school ...

Hélène offered to volunteer at school to help with homework correction and certain extracurricular activities. God gives her joy in doing this. She also wants to testify of Jesus to her family and her piano teacher.



Hélène with her Sunday school class.

Testimony in action

My 93 years old uncle had an accident on December 25. I was surprised when the hospital called because he was not at the emergency room he usually goes to. I left my family to go take care of him. On my arrival I met a doctor who happens to be a young Christian lady whose wedding I conducted last summer. She was the surgeon on call that evening. I had been praying for occasions to announce the Gospel to him. God permitted all this so my uncle could hear the Gospel message! We should never forget that our acts of love are more important than words to testify.





The Frappier's family

SEMBEQ...

New cohort - 2009 is marked by the launching of our sixth cohort, in Montreal, which has eleven students. Among them are two men from my local Church. I never thought they would join a cohort. What a great surprise! One of them asked me to be his coach, Christian Frappier, a professional musician. He needs your prayers. At our last members meeting we voted for hiring him as Church music leader in training two and a half days per week. This will be our third generation of training: Nicholas started 6 years ago, William two years ago and it is now Christian's turn.

Our Academic Dean, François Turcotte, will add one day to his time at SEMBEQ. It gives me great joy to train him as he is a fast learner. I am in the process of transferring my DNA to him. He passed the baton to Donald Rodier in his local Church in St-Hyacinthe. Our courses and conference calendar is now planned three years in advance.

Teaching the pastoral theology course - I taught the course in Gatineau, located two hours from Montreal. There were 12 students in the morning. After a pastor mentioned that the wives would benefit from that teaching, the guys called home and more people attended the afternoon session. The following Saturday, there was twice the number of students, as the wives attended. It is important for the wives to be aware of what their husbands learn in this course. It was interesting to answer their questions.



Women ministry - I see God working among women. A support network of workers' wives is starting to take shape.

Please pray...

- † For my faith, that it could be greatly fortified by the Spirit.
- † For my family's protection against the enemy, and so that we use God's weapons (Gal. 6).
- † For my boldness in announcing the Good News with God's sovereign strength.
- † For wisdom with SEMBEQ's finances; for a spirit of self-abnegation and contentment.

Praise God!!!

Praise be given to God with whom we are triumphant. While writing these lines I am touched because God chooses men and women to pray for us. If I am what I am, by God's grace, it is the result of the prayers of those who interceded for me despite my weaknesses. God provided for people to compensate these weaknesses. Instead of complaining and criticizing they went to God and contributed to the advancement of God's kingdom. I praise God for his patience, his love, his forgiveness. I glorify God also because, despite the difficult economic situation he will provide and be faithful to his promises. Our kingdom is not here on earth but we are waiting for the New Jerusalem. To him be the glory!



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