



The Hines Family

Missionaries to Québec

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Bonjour Tout le Monde!!

When I came to Quebec I knew it would be hard...but I had no idea that it would be SO hard!! I expected difficulty, only not so much. I knew people would be skeptical, hard-hearted, uninterested, indifferent, etc. But I really did believe, from the bottom of my heart, that if I got out there and "shook the bushes" I'd find more people open to the Gospel than I have. I marvel at how wide the way is that leads to destruction. I console myself that I'm doing better than Noah did. He and I are going to have a long talk one day! Ezekiel and Jeremiah are at the top of my list, too; Jer.5:1 & Ezk.3:6 have become two verses that really speak to me. They were all sent to a people who would not hearken. Job must have known the same bunch (see Job 21:14). I was taught in Bible school that if you fish long enough you might just have a fish jump in the boat. I tell you what; I just led a 72 year old lady to the Lord two hours ago!! What a blessing!! She found our church in the phone book and called asking to speak with the pastor. She has a brother and sister who are both Baptists and she wanted to know what a Baptist is. We set up an appointment to talk and as I listened to her I could sense her sincerity...a rare thing for around here and only getting rarer. She had lots of questions and all of them centered on salvation. She was "ripe for the picking." After giving her the clearest plan of salvation I know how to give, she prayed with me and trusted the Lord. Then, teary-eyed, with a smile from ear to ear, she looked up and gave me a big hug. She was so excited, it was amazing. Then she stood up and almost did a little dance (me and her both, but please don't drop my support for dancing!! I don't even believe in it!!) Liliane is burdened already for her sister, Angel. She told me, "She's no Angel!" It sounds to me like Angel is no worse than any of you, but she needs the same saving grace... "And such were some of you." (I Cor.6:11) Topping it all off, Liliane said she'd be in church Sunday. How 'bout that! And I believe her, too, as I went back to the church to work, she was there checking it out. She didn't know I'd be coming. I'll see her Sunday.

In September I was especially blessed to be able to go to the Blow Out in Pensacola. It was extra special because I was able to bring a couple of the guys from my church with me. It really meant a lot...both for me and for them. They had never seen anything like Bible Baptist: hundreds of believers from all over the world gathered with the singing, the orchestra, and the fellowship etc. Any time I witnessed on the trip, it seemed there was always another believer nearby to jump in and help us out. It left them with the impression that one out of two in Pensacola is a believer! It was good for them to see that not every place is like Quebec. It really created a stronger bond for us and gave them a better vision of where I come from and where our church should be going.

Since we've been back, our men have decided of their own accord to assemble before Wednesday night services to pray more. Bro. Dempsey came and stirred us up real good about supporting more missionaries and one of our men already spoke to me about doing more. Also our preaching class is coming along well. Though they have quite a ways to go, they are improving and I am seeing more and more potential

as the months go by. Who knows what the Lord will do with these men.

We also had a visitor, Guy Dallaire, who seemed to really enjoy services and said he'd be back. Praise God for the handfuls of purpose and the encouragement He sends along.

On a personal note, and as a follow up to our last letter, we thank you for praying about our house situation. Although the damage ended up being even worse than we'd originally thought and the expenses greater too, our insurance paid about \$21,000 leaving us to pay around \$15,000 which although a lot, could have been much worse. Our foundation drain had to be replaced along with the sewer and water entrances, and we had extensive repairs in our basement. Except for the landscaping, the worst is over and, Lord willing, we will stay dry for a while now! Thankfully, these are but temporal matters.

We pray that you are all doing well as you endeavor in the same battle. May the Lord strengthen and guide you until He comes.

On the battlefield,

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