



# The Hines Family

*Missionaries to Québec*

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Greetings from the winter-wonderland,

This has been a hard record-setting winter. Some places near Montreal got as much as between 45 and 50cm of snow in one day. Until this winter, the record for snow accumulation in a single day was set back in 1971, where 43cm amounted to the day's total. Already my city, Quebec City has gotten 315cm of winter snowfall! If you can imagine, the Rouyn Airport in Quebec reached -40 Celsius. As for Montreal and Quebec City, temperatures with the wind chill were like -40. Believe it or not, I've read where it was actually colder in some places in Canada this winter than on the planet Mars, which is millions of kilometers further away from the sun than earth!

Much colder than the weather, a chilling event took place the end of January that left us frozen in disbelief. Our daughters attend a Christian school here this year (usually they are home-schooled; this year was their French-immersion year to keep up their French skills), and we were informed that a father had killed his wife, his two daughters, and then himself. The two girls were the same age as my daughters and one was in the same class at school. Our daughters knew the girls personally. This was hard to take. How do you explain that to them? It's a Christian school and the father was supposed to be a Christian. Reporters filled the parking lot at school during the days that followed. The tragic story was in the papers and on T.V. It was gut-wrenching. We've gotten through it all, but that was a difficult time for our family, especially our kids.

On the brighter side, a brother in Christ, who I respect more and more as the years go by, has been witnessing on the job. Making a long story short, a woman he works with brought her husband by the church and they listened attentively as I presented the plan of salvation. I told them to pray on their own and then call me once they had prayed and let me know as confirmation that they understood what I told them. They called back and related one of the most beautiful prayers I've ever heard... all about how great God is, and loving others and being better people, etc... After having spent about two hours with them and giving them one of the clearest plans of salvation I had ever presented, they (bless their hearts) went home and prayed anything but "Lord save me." So I reviewed with them again what it meant to be saved and how to trust Christ. They prayed and asked the Lord to save them. I think they were sincere and meant it, but seeing them grow is another story. I recently showed them I Pet.2:2 and explained that the Bible says they should desire the sincere milk of the word. We'll see what happens, but they haven't shown any interest in a Bible study or even visiting the church. It may just be the "fear of the unknown." That stops a lot of them. It may be a lack of character. Whatever the case may be, I covet your prayers for them. Their names are Richard and Chantal.

Next I'd like you to pray for Cedric and Emmanuelle. They are a Pentecostal couple that is very put out with the garbage that goes on in the Pentecostal churches. They are French from France and were burnt by Charismatics before they ever came to Quebec. I've got a chance to sit down with them and answer their questions about Bible this week, and I'm very excited. It would sure be a blessing to see this family added to our little church. I covet your prayers concerning this also.

In addition, I visited a friend of mine in Montreal. He's been witnessing to his friend, Armin, for quite a while. My friend wanted me to sit down with Armin because Armin had a lot of questions that he couldn't answer. Armin's a sharp guy. He's an engineer and obviously a deep thinker. He didn't need anything proving the existence of God – that was a given. He also figured out on his own that Jesus must be God. He figured it this way, either Jesus was who He said He was or He wasn't. If Jesus wasn't God then He was a liar; and there's no evidence of that. Or Jesus was insane and believed His own lie. But anyone reading the Gospels quickly sees that Jesus wasn't insane. So it remains that Jesus must've been who He claimed to be: God in the flesh. (All that and he's never heard of C.S. Lewis or Josh McDowell!!) His questions weren't your normal questions. He wanted to know why Jesus had to die; how blood could efface sin. What was the point of it all: history, life, creation, God, etc.? After our conversation, he prayed and trusted the Lord as his Saviour. I've since sent him some new convert material (at his request!) and will be following up on him. He too needs your prayers.

Thanks so much for your prayers and care for us as we earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints,

*Bro. Jason Hines*