



The Hines Family

Missionaries to Québec

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Dear friends in Christ,

For as long as I've been here, Quebec City has been a bastion of "French-ness"; undoubtedly being the most French place to live in North America. Two hours south of us, in Montreal, so many immigrants have poured in that in 1995, the premier of Quebec, Jacques Parizeau, blamed the immigrants' vote for keeping Quebec from being able to separate. For a long time now Montreal has been a small "New York City" and just as ethnically diverse. That said, in the last few years I've noticed more and more immigrants around Quebec City. It still surprises me to go into a department store and hear families speaking Spanish. Africans, Hispanics, Arabs, etc. are here and here to stay. Since the Quebecois never seem to listen, this gives me hope that perhaps some of the immigrants will. (Acts 28:27, 28) You might recall that for the last six years I've given Bible studies to migrant workers from Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, etc. For three or four hours at a time I would teach in French and it would be translated into Spanish. I was amazed to see that I understood the Spanish even though I had never formally studied it. As one of the Romance languages, Spanish is very close to French. Getting to the point, I've had a burden for these Spanish-speaking people ever since I began to notice their arrival. My wife took some intensive courses in French not too long ago and a Hispanic lady who studied with her called our house to see if her husband could practice English with me... in exchange for Spanish!! Off I go! In addition to everything else I'm juggling, I'm now trying to learn Spanish, too!! Jorge (George) has been teaching me for a few months now and also has started coming to church regularly on Wednesday nights. I've been teaching on the Book of Revelation and in spite of all the hard things that the Bible says about the Roman Catholic Church, Jorge keeps coming and enjoys it. I've witnessed to him and he is definitely listening. Please pray for him.

Summer is here and the nice weather has given me a chance to witness to people in different parks. To my surprise, some of the cross guards for a bicycle path have shown some real interest. Two of them happen to be Hispanic: Marc Antonio and Jose Luis. Simon is a Quebecois. Jose Luis didn't believe me when I told him that I could prove the existence of God. With a skeptical look on his face and heart full of doubt, he reluctantly took a DVD that I gave him – "God of Wonders." It is a great witnessing tool. Our church hands them out like candy. The next time I saw Jose Luis he said, "Two points for the preacher!! I believe now that there is a God!!" Please keep Jose in prayer and the other two as well.

In June I got to go down and preach Vacation Bible School for my dad. I had a costume made like the garments of the high priest, and I preached on how the Tabernacle is a type of Christ. It was a great time! Among those that got saved, I got to lead a little boy named Jonarri to the Lord. It meant a lot because he was seven years old and so tender-hearted. It reminded me of when I got saved at seven years old and the VBS that I attended shortly after.

On the weekend I've been going out on Friday or Saturday nights (sometimes both) between 10 p.m. and midnight and witnessing to whoever I can find. Mostly I find teenagers. Teenagers are hanging out in parks, parking lots, etc. all over the place with nothing to do but get in trouble, and I always find someone who listens. Knock their door and they won't give you five minutes; meet them on a Saturday night and they'll actually open up to you. It's seed sown. I'm doing what I can. I covet your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Richard and Nathalie. They've shown more interest in our church, and I'm working on them.

We had four visitors one Sunday. Two of them split three churches before they came to ours. I had to deal with that. One of them has a son who is 16 years old and mixed up in gangs. Evidently there was an attempt made on his life and he was real shaken up. I put him on the phone with Bro. Dave Spurgeon, who was gracious enough to give this kid his time. The boy seemed in earnest. He made a profession of faith when he was 12 and has not been living for the Lord. We're doing what we can for them, and of course I ask you to please keep this in prayer also.

One of the best things that happened over the last couple of months was the baptism of my youngest daughter. She came to me wanting to be baptized, and I asked her if she were saved. She assured me that she was. I was satisfied with her answers and realized that she did need to be baptized (Acts 8:36, 37). My daughter after devotions one night prayed and asked the Lord to save her all on her own. What a blessing!!!

We have had several attacks over the summer. Our most faithful family left the church for another Baptist church in the area. Their sudden desire to leave and subsequent departure has left us reeling in many ways. There is a huge whole in their absence. Also, we have had several water infiltrations in our basement this summer. We have already made several repairs this year that we thought were causing the problem, and we finally got confirmation that our foundation drain needs to be replaced. At a total cost of over \$20,000 we are praying that our insurance will agree to cover a portion and not simply vacuum it out for a temporary fix.

We thank you for your continual prayers on our behalf without which we surely would not make it in this barren land.

Ever grateful,

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