

# A Spiritual Home

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:5). Dedications in the Old Covenant included the tabernacle altar, Solomon's temple, Nehemiah's walls, the temple during Ezra's time, and the Feast of Dedication that we find in John 10:22. The latter feast commemorated the dedication of the purified temple by Judah Maccabee after his desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes.

In the New Covenant, we do not find dedications in the form of structures because God, by his Spirit, dwells in every believer and especially in the Church: “Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). The concept of *Domus Dei* is erroneous. We can't “go to church” as we are the Church.

Thus Peter exhorts the believers of the New Covenant to build themselves into a spiritual house. Jesus Christ is the living stone (1 Peter 2:4) and we are also living stones (1 Peter 2:5). We give less value to temple dedications and tabernacles and we place the emphasis on the consecration of the redeemed who form the Church. We invest in each other, dedicate ourselves, and set ourselves apart as believers in local assemblies to proclaim the virtues of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

## Personal News

During March Break, Sharon and I welcomed four of our grandchildren for a few days to go sledding, skating, and snowshoeing to give their parents a few days off. All of our winter activities brought us so much joy but what touched us the most was to see the enthusiasm the little ones had for reading the Bible and singing worship music.



## Church Plant Updates

On March 6, 2022, we finally had the immense pleasure to inaugurate the renovated room of Maison PÉVA, located at 8659 Yves Prévost Boulevard in Anjou. The dedication ceremony had 24 people present in person and 6 others via Zoom. The pastor of our mother church, Renaissance RDP, Hugo Éthier, led the dedication prayer.

Hymns of praise and adoration were incredibly touching and filled with thankfulness towards the Eternal One, whose hand has been on the project for the last year. The faithful members of PÉVA took an important next step towards becoming an official church plant in Anjou.





## **An Initiative that Pays Off**

In February, the Lord provided us with an unexpected blessing. We asked a small group to pray while four teams of two PÉVA members went around the busy areas of Anjou to distribute a large number of invitations to our meetings and ten people gave us their contact information. The following Sunday, we were surprised to see 7 new people attend our gathering - glory to God! We are hoping to try this strategy again, at least once a month in place of our regular gathering.



## **René Frey**

*Church Planter*

### **B L E S S I N G S**

- The renovations cost 46,000\$ in all and the Lord provided 92% by gifts from generous Christians!
- Three people will be baptized in April: Wadley, 16; his brother, Woobens, 12; and Hocine, in his forties. Both Woobens and Hocine came to Christ in 2021.
- We're currently following up with six people through our Bible studies.

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### **P R A Y E R   R E Q U E S T S**

- There is a shortfall of 3,900\$ to clear the debt for the renovations. Please pray!
- That the Lord would provide an assistant for René.
- That God would provide a clear path to gain official status as a church plant within the next two years.

**THANK YOU** FOR YOUR SUPPORT !

