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Working* to see communities flourish as they find and follow Jesus

*at the intersection of QUÉBEC, DISCIPLESHIP, YOUTH and the ARTS



A beautiful birthday gift...

With my 40th birthday coming up, I've been thinking a lot about, well...birthdays. Last year's was particularly special. Let me tell you about it.

A few of us went for a hike (as per my tradition each year) and when we got to the top, there was a woman about our age reading something. With the help of his friendly little dachshund, our friend got to chatting with her about what we all do for work. With a sparkle in her eye, she lifted up the book she was reading: The Bible. "I'm a new Christian," she said, "and have been praying to meet other Christians. I felt I needed to be up here today!"

She, along with several friends, had recently started following Jesus and been baptized and were longing for more community and discipleship. They had just left a new-age background and had so many questions and were so thirsty to know God more! We invited her to come join us at YWAM for our weekly worship times whenever she wanted. In the weeks that followed, not just her, but several of her friends began joining us weekly for worship together. Several of them joined the *Bible week* that we ran for the local church (two even did a second one a couple months later!). One has just finished her Discipleship Training School, and another is currently on a missions trip in Columbia with her young daughter with our YWAM team from Lanaudière, Qc.

We've heard many stories of how the Spirit of God is on the move among the new age community in Quebec. PRAISE GOD! And not just the new age community, but among young people of all kinds of backgrounds. We tell you this story with so much excitement in our hearts - something is stirring in Quebec and it's so exciting!

We are convinced more than ever that God is wanting to re-awaken Quebec to himself, and to a love for the scriptures and that the arts has a role to play in this. Would you consider adopting Quebec in your prayers, that the Spirit would be poured out in this province like never before!



Top: Us in Senegal

Bottom: the *Beautiful Gate* creative retreat



In our list of highlights, we mentioned baptisms. Actually, by the end of this month, we will have seen 12 baptisms this year! (We've had the blessing to baptize several people over the years, but not this many in such close succession). Something very special happened over the course of this year as we saw so many people renew and even see kindled for the first time, a life-changing love for Jesus. And the crazy thing is that at the beginning of this school year, God led us as YWAM Dunham to cancel our programs and trust him for the growth and renewal that we've been praying for.

In baptism, we choose to identify ourselves with the death and resurrection of Jesus, dying to our old life, old ways, old nature (represented by going under the waters) and resurrected into new life in him (represented by coming up out of the waters). We forsake our own way in order to follow the way of Christ in us.

The two of us were baptized long ago, however this act of laying down our own ideas and plans for the sake of picking up the ways that Christ has for us is a baptism that happens daily; a life-long journey.

The last time we wrote an update, we had mentioned that new vision was forming. Since then we've been able to put more concrete language on that vision (see our vision statement at the top; we're also happy to send you our vision document if you want to read it), and have had more concrete plans unfolding. It's been an interesting, stretching and exciting couple of years of shifting as we continually try to seek out the way of Christ as we serve here in Quebec - like shedding a skin, or a daily baptism of laying down our own plans. We've both moved into this role of heading up this arts collective (both the adult and youth branches) which is starting to take shape, though is still in its early stages. We're also both moving more into domains of education, catalyzed by pursuing further studies (Sarah getting her bachelors of fine arts and Dan his masters in team-based communication). We're both called to discipleship and education in different ways: Dan as he prepares to join the *Masters in Team Based Communications* staff team, and Sarah as she prepares to complete her *School of Biblical Studies* in order to help pioneer a creative iteration of the program adapted for artists. Looks like school's back in!

And so we'll leave you with this for now. For those who have helped us in prayer, in financial provision, in encouragement, in wise counsel, in friendship: **thank you for how you have helped us along the way.**

These stories are your stories too. We are so excited for the coming months and years as we continue to work alongside other creatives, young and old, from around the world and from this beautiful province, to know God and to make Him known more and more - that our communities may flourish as they are baptized into new life in Christ and all that the ways of his kingdom have to offer!

Jesus, may your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

With lots and lots of love

Sarah and Dan



Thank you for your prayers for YWAM Dunham over the years - these are some of the people you've prayed for.