



Reminder: This photo on the left, taken on February 15, 2026, captures all the joy EBEVA felt when Wismy (and his wife Rebca) Thélus was recognized as the candidate to succeed René Frey as pastor next year, on September 1, 2027. Wismy is completing his studies with the Evangelical Theological Faculty. René and Wismy are taking a course on eldership. Praise, honor, and glory to our God who provides His servants in His time for the beautiful building of His Church!



News of Église d'ANJOU Baptist Church, April 2026



The wonderful news we share with you is the baptism of 5 brothers and sisters from EBEVA on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Our Lord and Saviour was raised from the dead in power as were these five beloved saints, in Him! PTL!



YAMINE IBRAHIM.

Yamine comes from Algeria. He is from the Kabylie region. This ethnic group is Berber, not Arab. Their native language is Kabyle. Centuries ago, Augustine, Berber himself, ministered in this region. The Lord has been awakening this people for about forty years.

Yamine made a Christian profession in his home country in 2015 following his father's testimony. But subsequently, the government closed all the evangelical churches, and he struggled to walk as a disciple of Jesus. Upon arriving in Canada, he and his friend Farid were invited by Karim, a Kabyle believer from our ÉBÉVA Church. His faith was strengthened, and he wanted to follow Jesus into the waters of baptism to walk ever closer to Christ.



ANTONIO PEREZ shared his testimony like this: For much of my life, I sought happiness in things that didn't build me up. I loved partying, going out, staying up too late, and spending money unnecessarily. I surrounded myself with friends who, even though they seemed close, brought me nothing good. I lived a life of distraction, consumerism, anything that allowed me to avoid looking inside myself.

But despite all that, I felt empty. I was getting a little more lost each day. And then came that low point, that moment when I had no strength left, no direction. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

I was lost. That's when Jesus found me. Not when I was strong, but when I was broken. He reached out to me, and I felt that I was no longer alone. I realized I could no longer continue as before. So I decided to surrender my life to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. I chose to change, to walk in His Word, to let His light replace my old ways. John 1:12 declares: "But to them who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the power to become children of God." Today, I am asking for baptism because I want to publicly declare that my life now belongs to Jesus. I want to move forward with the Church, to learn, to grow, to

serve, and to remain faithful. The verse that sustains me in this new chapter is: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). I thank God for the transformation He has begun in me. I want to walk with humility, gratitude, and a renewed heart.



FARID BOUGHEZRAOUENE. Twenty-four years ago, my life changed forever. I met Jesus. It wasn't just a religion or a tradition. It was an encounter with the Living God. Here's how it happened: I am Kabyle from Algeria, and my country is Muslim. My father became a Christian because he grew up in a family that was traditionally Christian among Muslims. But he went further in his Christian faith. He had friends who were active in the churches of Azozga and Tizi Ouzou. My father told me about the path of Jesus and his love. Jesus will return to save us.

He passed away in 2005. In 2006, I converted thanks to the testimony of my teacher, Rachid Kliwoen, at Azfeone High School. He was an elder in the church of Tizi Ouzou. He was from my region, Adizar. I was 16 years old. He spoke to me about Christianity and the Bible. His words satisfied me, and I decided to convert to Christ. It was a Monday. We finished our studies at noon. Rachid invited me to his home for dinner. We talked for a long time. The three of us prayed—him, his wife, and me. When I prayed, I asked Christ for forgiveness for all my sins. I went to the churches in Freha and Tizi Ouzou. Since 2016, we haven't had the opportunity for spiritual growth in the church because the government closed the church buildings, and most Christians had to meet in secret. When I came to Canada, I met Karim. I knew his brother, Yarlef, who is a Christian. It was Karim who invited Yamine and me here to ÉBÉVA. I am happy because I have found a spiritual family, a place where I can grow in my faith and worship God freely.



LINE DESCHAMBAULT. I was baptized in the Catholic Church by my parents. But as I grew older, I understood that religion should be a choice, not something imposed upon me. So here I am. I've found my path and my faith... One day, a coworker was talking to me about God. I was intrigued. I listened. I asked questions. He told me about his faith. That's when I understood I was in the right place. I started reading the Bible. I felt better. God is restoring my soul. He has led me on the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake. Thank God.

I started taking The Master and His Disciple Bible course with this coworker. God allowed me to meet some EBEVA evangelists in the subway. I asked my coworker if it was a good place. He knew Pastor René, and now I'm with you in this church. I took the course "The First Seven Steps of a Disciple of Jesus" and prayed with René and Sharon, telling God that I reaffirmed my request for Jesus to be my Savior. I also completed the five lessons of the baptism course and am preparing to be baptized to demonstrate my confidence in being a child of God because of His promise in John 1:12: "Yet to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God," and also in John 6:47: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me has eternal life." I understand that I have received eternal life because Jesus paid for my sins by giving His life on the cross. Because He rose again and lives, I too will be resurrected, for I have eternal life.



MARIE-CARME DÉROCIN. My name is Marie-Carme. I have two children, Lugie and Lucas. Here is how God saved me. I was born into a Christian family. At the age of eight, my mother asked me to come to church so she could pray for me. At that time, *I thought I had been saved*. I went to church with my family and participated in activities like singing in the youth choir and attending Sunday school. We also had Bible studies. When I allowed myself to be drawn to the man who is now my ex-husband, I admit that I was disobeying God's Word. It was a manifestation of sin. I was lost, and God has led me to a deeper understanding of His grace and salvation. My husband and I are separated. Last year, on May 11, 2025, I was looking for a church here in Anjou because the church we attended in Montreal North had moved. I searched online and found ÉBÉVA. The first time, we arrived too late, walking from our apartment on Rue des Ormeaux to Place Dade. But the following week, we were there on time.

In the weeks that followed, during the summer or early autumn of 2025, I spoke to the pastor about spiritual life. He asked me if I was baptized. I said no, but I wanted to be. Afterward, the pastor and his wife met with me several times, and I remember praying after reading John 1:12: "Yet to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." In my prayer that day, I said to Jesus, "If I didn't understand true salvation when I was 8 years old, then today, I receive you to be my Savior." The pastor read me 1 John 5:12-13: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

I know this now. By the grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the promises of God's Word, which I believe, I can say that I am a child of God. He saved me by His grace. Jesus died on the cross to save me from all my sins. I am certain that I have eternal life. And that is why I am asking for baptism to show that Jesus has saved me. My favorite verse is Psalm 37:4: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Amen!

PRAISE 1) To God be all the glory for these five newly baptized. 2) Bless the Lord for the growth of this small church plant.

REQUESTS 1) Financial provision for the future pastor. 2) The necessary personnel: new, stable, and spiritually qualified families to assist in the church's work. 3) Wisdom, strength, courage, health, strategy, and the fullness of the Holy Spirit for René and Sharon during this last year and a half before Wismy takes over.



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