

Dear Ministry Partners,

Our new Fellowship President, Steven Jones, has chosen Romans 15:13 as our verse for 2012: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* What a great prayer! Paul’s desire was that, as the Romans trusted the God who is characterized by hope itself, they could expect to be filled with all joy and peace, and abundant hope by the power of the Spirit. May joy, peace and abundant hope characterize us as we serve in today’s challenging ministry contexts!

Actively working on current projects - We are well into 2012 and busily working on the next crop of church planting projects. Our Victoriaville church is courageously moving forward in the replanting of a healthy Gospel witness in the town of **Plessisville**. They are trusting God to revitalize the mother church through this Kingdom-expanding effort. In the south shore town of **Montmagny**, just east of Quebec City, a group of believers are working to establish a vibrant testimony to this needy community. Chateauguay, one of our Montreal south shore churches, is endeavoring to plant a new congregation across the river in the Montreal borough of **LaSalle**. In downtown Montreal, an American missionary is planting through missional communities. “Initiative 22” is in the process of joining our French region.

Congregations getting into adequate facilities - Our church plant in **Gaspé** was able to purchase a well-located former church building that had been renovated to serve as a public auditorium. Daniel Gagné, our church planter in **Delson** is ready to move forward with the much needed expansion of the Anglican Church building originally purchased to launch the ministry. The young congregation in **Deux Montagnes** is in the process of acquiring the facility in which they are currently meeting. Attendance at **Montréal-Nord** has peaked at 215 in two services in their worship space of 20 X 30 feet. They are considering a third service while actively pursuing other options. **Bécancour**, on the south shore opposite Trois Rivières, is putting a building project together for this summer to meet their space needs.

Course in March - Terry, along with a team of church planters, will be teaching a Church Planting 101 course from March 5th to 9th to potential planters, evangelists and launch team members. Called and qualified leadership is the key to the progress of the Gospel in any society.

We have been encouraged by the increased support we have received over year-end. Thank you to each church and individual who have made that extra sacrifice in order to allow us to continue to serve the cause of Christ, particularly in the francophone world.

Your missionaries in Montreal and beyond,

Terry & Elaine Cuthbert

Included in this e-mail are our specific prayer requests and annual report for 2011.

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February 2012

Praise:

- The 5 active church planting projects working towards becoming a reality.
- The privilege of working with potential church planters to empower them for service!
- The purchase of more than adequate space for our congregation in the town of **Gaspé**.
- The building expansion project under Daniel Gagné in **Delson**.
- Personal support that is coming in, lowering our shortfall to \$1221 per month. We are encouraged!

Prayer Requests:

- The Church Planting 101 course March 5th to 9th.
- The details of the purchase of the **Deux Montagnes** property.
- The search for adequate space for the growing congregation in **Montreal-Nord**.
- The building project for the young congregation in **Bécancour**.

On the Family front:

- Our sister-in-law, Ginette (54), diagnosed with breast cancer eleven years ago, and having had 7 years of remission, is in the final phase of her struggle with cancer. God has been gracious in so many ways, including allowing her to live to see both of her sons marry and have their first children. Pray that we might know best how to support the family at this time.
- Our daughter, Caroline (Kingston, ON), continues her supply teaching. Pray that God would open the door to an appropriate teaching contract.
- Pray for our son, Joel (Cambridge, ON) and his fiancée, Bronwen, as they make plans together for a Fall wedding.
- We would appreciate prayer for Elaine as she deals with health issues related to low thyroid function. Please pray for wisdom for her doctor and clear direction for treatment.

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Annual Report for 2011

Terry & Elaine Cuthbert

What are we doing? Our personal mission statement

Our passion is to creatively engage the urban mission fields of the 21st century through enabling church planting primarily in Montreal and coaching church planters around the world.

More specifically? Our objectives

Terry serves as an Urban Church Planting Catalyzer, also known as a Church Starter Strategist. He specifically ...

- Works alongside of our French speaking churches in their multiplication efforts.
- Provides church planting expertise and leadership to personnel of Fellowship International.
- Equips church planters in Quebec & overseas with current urban church planting theory and practice.
- Is available across Canada for Church Planting Consultations under the Fellowship Ministries Department.
- Cultivates an ongoing mutually beneficial relationship with supporting churches, assisting them to meet their missionary vision & objectives.

Church Planting Quebec

The Need: The overall percentage of francophone evangelicals attending church in Quebec is less than 1%, although it varies from region to region. Our best-evangelized region is Granby with a percentage of evangelicals estimated at 3 to 5%. On the island of Montreal, 0.3% of the population attend an evangelical church. The English and ethnic segments of the population are much better served than the French population. This is the reason for our strategic emphasis.

The **Fellowship French Region** serves francophone Quebec, Ontario & New Brunswick. They currently number 85 churches with a Sunday morning attendance of just over 8,000 people. The Region's 10-year plan is to reach 100 affiliated churches by 2013. To attain this goal, we needed to maintain the existing churches and further plant three new congregations per year. So far we have seen 18 new congregations planted and are working on 5 prenatal projects.

Overall strategy: There are 102 municipal regions in the province. For areas that are outside of the urban centres, our goal is to have an Evangelical Baptist church in the main town of each municipal region. We will need to plant 55 more churches to meet that objective. According to their population, some towns have a higher priority than others. In the urban context, we would like to plant one healthy congregation for every 35,000 people. Francophone Montréal is in a category all of its own. We would need to start another 48 French churches, without taking into consideration the English and ethnic populations.

If we, like the Apostle Paul, were to plant in a strategic way, we would need to plant the 48 churches in Montreal, and another 60 in the rest of the province for a total of 108. There are also needs in Acadian New Brunswick and Francophone Ontario.

Our objective is to create a DNA of multiplication among our existing churches. We are also planting reproducing churches. By doing this, the number of new congregations will grow over the years. If we can plant at an average rate of five per year, we could plant those 108 congregations in under 22 years. Francophone Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick can be significantly reached within our generation!

Most Recent Church Plants

- Église urbaine Axe 21, Sherbrooke (Marc & Marie-Hélène Pilon) out of Rock Forest – Jan 2011
- Église du Coin, La Petite-Patrie, Montréal (Éric & Carole Lanthier) out of Terrebonne-Mascouche – Sep 2011
- Église d’Aujourd’hui, Bécancour (Israël-Luc & Agnès Godfrey) out of Trois Rivières - Sep 2011
- Initiative 22, Montréal (Dwight & Jessica Bernier) - Sep 2011 Started by a missionary & in the process of joining the French region.

Current Church Planting Projects

- ✓ Plessisville replant (Karl & Naomi Fortin) out of Victoriaville
- ✓ Montmagny (Robert & Chantal Bonenfant) out of Charny
- ✓ St. Leonard, Montréal (René & Sharon Frey) out of Rosemont
- ✓ Two other projects are in the planning phase out of Montréal

Fellowship International Ministries

- Participated in Missions Institute at MBC in Muskoka in July 2011.
- E-mail correspondence with various church planting teams around the world.
- Facilitated a series of Church Planting workshops in English, with two other church planting directors, at Fellowship 48 in Toronto, November 2011.

Leadership Development

- Under SEMBEQ, Terry is the tutor for a cohort of 11 students (with 9 coaches, including himself), from 7 churches, completing their cohort experience in June 2012. They meet one Saturday per month throughout the school year.
- Also under SEMBEQ, Terry is responsible for the Evangelist/Church Planter course track. Specialized courses and internships are available for aspiring church planters and evangelists, along with learning contracts to provide them with evaluated hands-on experience.
- In early February 2011, Terry organized a seminar on the theme of Contextualisation.

Ministry to French second-language native communities

Terry serves as the president on the board of a francophone ministry desiring to reach out to the 22 native communities with French as their language of education. This has been a year of consolidation and increased focus with respect to our vision of reaching these 35,000 First Nations people. The Lord has brought us passionate and qualified personnel to begin to have a Gospel-inspired presence in a few of these communities.

Personal & Professional development

- Terry audited a one-week masters’ level course by Dr. Don Carson, in French, on the Peter’s epistles.
- Terry completed a 3-credit online master’s level course with Fellowship International missionaries led by Mark Naylor entitled: “Contextualized Communication of the Cross.”

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayer and financial support throughout this past year!!