

Report on the ministries to Women in Quebec submitted to the District Superintendent, Michael Gagnon

I have now served two years in this ministry to Women. Two years where I have been a witness to God's presence in this ministry and in my own life as well. I never cease to be surprised by those He has chosen to be a part of the ministry team, in the context of my meetings with the local church groups of women, in the encouragement I receive from the national team, in the support I am given by the District and by the faithful support coming from my own church in Noyan.

The need for a Woman's ministry in Quebec became apparent through the strong desire on the part of women to connect with other women. The desire to know what is happening in other churches, but most of all, what is happening in the lives of each woman. Knowing that they are not alone in their challenges brings comfort.

I began my ministry by visiting as many churches as was possible for me. I wanted to discover what existed by way of ministry to women in each church. I discovered that there existed some very well developed ministries and, in other cases, not very much. The goal was to see a ministry to women developed in each church. I tried to contact each church in order to help them and to encourage the development of such a ministry.

Some activities we have launched :

1. An annual pic-nic during Summer. The goal being an informal gathering, where the children can participate; a time of worship and prayer outside of the church building. This activity will alternate; one year to be held on the Plains of Abraham and one year on Mount Royal. This activity can be developed to include prayer walks and evangelistic outreach.
2. Women's retreat: We have had our first retreat in a number of years. There was a very good participation. We went from Friday evening through the Saturday with the theme: Being a disciple who makes disciples. According to the evaluations received at the end of the retreat, it proved to be a blessed experience for everyone. And every lady wants to have another retreat next year. I was very blessed by the young women who took part. I hope to see even more women from even more churches involved next year.

It is also a strong desire of my heart to see the women's ministry involved in prayer support for our district, especially the local church leadership. We created a prayer calendar which is sent to each women's ministry leader, and to all the churches and is also available on the district web site. May we be a movement of women in prayer!

Obviously, there is much more work to do, but God has blessed His work among the women. We are moving forward step by step. That which is important is that we advance together in the Lord by the power of His Holy Spirit. Future projects include local conferences aiming at helping in our transformation as disciples of Jesus.

My desire is to continue the work God has confided to me and to do it with wisdom and humility for His glory and honour, and to continue to serve the district the best that I can.

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