

FOLLOW THE STAR(S)! CHRISTMAS 2021 NEWSLETTER

...and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. (Matthew 2.9-11)

In Quebec, stars are lighting up the skies and answering the question «Where is He?». Many of these shining stars are trained by the Church through ETEQ. Every year, more than 100 overjoyed student-disciples join our team of 25 teachers and staff to learn about Jesus and how (in 2022) to lead others through the busy streets of untruth and empty promises to where the Savior Jesus can be found.

Thank-you for AGAIN for taking these few minutes to celebrate with us. In many different ways and over many Christmas Seasons, you have been our pillars of encouragement.

Merry Christmas to you!



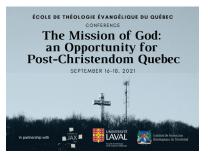
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Jean Bieri (1955-2021)

We were saddened by the sudden death (September) of our Biblical Studies Professor. Jean taught from 2005 to 2021 and served as Academic Dean from 2006 to 2011. He was part of the training of almost every undergraduate ETEQ student. He was also involved with students in South Africa, Russia,

Armenia, France and India. He held a Ph.D in Theoretical and Experiential Physics and was just days from defending his Ph.D (Theology) thesis on Daniel chapter 7 at L'Université de Genève. Jean will be remembered for his commitment to the Mennonite Brethren Church Family in Quebec. The end of his earthly mission leaves a huge void among family, friends, ETEQ and the Francophone Theological world.



The bilingual and international symposium organized and hosted by ETEQ had previously been postponed. It finally happened, both in-person and via Zoom. Registrations were beyond expectations as people sought to reconnect in the midst of the pandemic. But most important was the



subject area which raises crucial questions for the Church, especially in Quebec. While presenters came from a number of countries, our ETEQ professors and other Quebec Evangelicals led the way.

MISSION CONTINUED

As you, we also are tired of having our hands tied by this pandemic. Learning in community is never optional, no matter what the field of education, but especially here where the study of Scripture and Theology is always a servant of community. We teach, learn and experience a transformation that pushes us towards serving oneself less and less and serving others more and more. This is hard to do with COVID. However, like the magi who did not stop their journey but continued all the while keeping an eye on a menacing Herod, our ETEQ community continues its journey, albeit cautiously. While we do not feel the same freedom as before, we CONFESS OUR FULL FREEDOM to serve the mission Christ Jesus has mandated our Church families and school with. OUR MISSION OF LOVING SERVICE CONTINUES!

FINANCES 2021-2022 (July 1 to June 30) Balanced budget of \$ 843 000

| | Revenues | |
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| Tuition and fees | \$ 229 000 | * on target after 4 months |
| Church families subsidies | \$ 326 000 | * on target after 4 months |
| Donations | \$ 258 000 | * behind \$ 50 000 after 4 months |
| Other (rentals, sales, etc.) | \$ 30 000 | * on target after 4 months |
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Could you (again) include ETEQ in your year-end giving and even become a regular supporter of our Quebec mission? THAT WOULD BE A BONUS TO OUR CHRISTMAS JOY! Our website will give you options as to how to give : https://www.eteq.ca/d8/en/donate



L'École de théologie évangélique du Québec (ETEQ) belongs to two Church families who undergird and sacrificially support the school. We are deeply grateful to The Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Mennonite Brethren. ETEQ is a witness to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in both these Church families and is in awe at what God is accomplishing within the various Evangelical traditions found in Quebec. With them, ETEQ prays "the Lord of the harvest, to send out workers into his harvest field," all kinds of workers called, prepared and equipped to serve with knowledge, discernment and humility.