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"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice..." - Psalm 97:1a

As we in Canada approach a potentially life-changing election, the Lord has reminded me of this important truth. And not merely the fact that Jesus reigns and is in control, but equally, the importance of rejoicing in this truth. In any situation we face in life, do we rejoice in the truth of our Lord's reign, even if circumstances do not align with our expectations? May we not take our focus off our King, who works all things ultimately for His glory, and may we continue to rejoice in any situation, knowing God is in control.

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of attending the Faithway Bible Conference along with several men from here in Québec. What a blessing it was to see through the messages preached and a discussion panel how the Lord is at work in our churches in Canada. It was an encouragement to see how the darker the situation around us, the more people seek for the truth. Let us rejoice in many seeking the truth in hard times, and be ready to lead those who are seeking to the One who is Truth!

One of the young men in our church, Christophe, came to the conference as well, in part to visit the college as he is praying about attending as a student to prepare for the ministry. Pray for God's leading in his life, especially for the details involved if he does study at Faithway.

At the end of March, I attended an Evangelists Forum here in the Québec area, and assisted with photo and video during the event. Again it was an encouragement to see among evangelical churches in the province a focus on lifting up Jesus and proclaiming the gospel, despite the challenges in our secular society.

Just last week I had the opportunity to join a CLAIM project in Drummondville, which is only around 2 hours from us. God blessed and we were able to accomplish much work, including removing a wall in the kitchen and making some new cabinets, redoing the drywall on the auditorium ceiling and replacing fluorescent lights with LED pot lights, fixing many













electrical outlets and switches, reinforcing the back emergency exit door, and much more!

During this trip I was also able to film a video for this ministry. Please pray for me as I edit this video, and that it would be a blessing for the ministry and encourage many others to volunteer on future projects.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Elizabeth during the pregnancy. The iron supplements she has been taking have helped, and her numbers are back to where they need to



be for the birth. This has also helped her energy level, which is a blessing as she was able to manage while I was away for an extended time during the previously mentioned trips. There is only one more month left before the birth, and we are very excited for the baby's soon arrival! Praise the Lord this pregnancy has been going very well with no concerns. The only real concern for Elizabeth is that the baby is so strong his kicks are very painful at times!

We are still waiting for the needed repairs to the floor, and are expecting to be notified any day as we were told it would possibly be this week. Please pray that it would take place no later than next week, as after that will be too close to the birth to be displaced in a hotel during the work.

We are excited for this summer, as God has opened a door for us to take a trip back out to B.C. for the first time since our move to Québec. We will be out west for 6 weeks, and will have the opportunity to visit most of our supporting churches in the province. It will be a challenge with a new born, but we are looking forward to being with family during this time, and pray that we could be a blessing to each church we will have the opportunity to visit. We would appreciate your prayers as we prepare for this trip.

We are certainly excited for all God will bring our way this year, and the many opportunities to serve and glorify our Lord and King. We rejoice in the compassionate reign of our loving God.

By God's grace, and for His glory, Josiah and Elizabeth Coates