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David & Debra SMITH & Family Reaching French-Speaking Québec with the Gospel

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

There is an **important issue** for all **churches** in our province of Quebec:

A report was recently submitted to the Quebec government recommending the expansion of the application of the principle of secularism in our province. Following this report, a Quebec constitutional bill was introduced in the national assembly. Some of the recommendations set out in this report have already been included in the bill and others, if adopted, will have extremely serious consequences for the future of our church, and also for all churches and Christian organizations in our province of Quebec.

For example, taxation of places of worship; the loss of tax exemptions and tax credits for donations; and secularism that would take precedence over the fundamental rights to freedom and conscience of religion; and the marginalization and erasure of faith in the public sphere.

Today, Christians from all over Quebec are encouraged to take action while they still can. Together in unity and **prayer**, they must make their voices heard with respect, clarity and conviction.

Christians in Quebec are encouraged take action by **writing** a letter their M.P. (Member of Parliament), by **sharing** information with their contacts and those around them, and **by praying**. The **word of God teaches** us to **make our needs known through prayer**. So, Christians in Quebec and elsewhere are encouraged to **pray for our authorities**, for our government, and **specifically** for **all those who will make decisions**.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 says, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men:

² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

We invite you to **pray with us**. May God keep His churches in Quebec free so that they can be a force for good, compassion and action and justice, a light, a source of hope and peace, touching multitudes, one person at a time in our nation of Quebec.

The future of Christian churches in Quebec is in God's hands, and He remains in control of all things. Please pray for this important issue for churches in our province of Quebec.

Debra and I, along with our **children**, would like to **thank you for your continued prayers and financial support** for our **family** and for this **ministry**, which **enables** us to **reach souls** with **the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.**

Co-Laborers together with you in the Great Commission,

David & Debra, Sarah, Rebekah & Joshua Smith

