

The French Press

With the James Carney Family

Dear **Praying** Friends,

Thank you for praying for our ministry. In March and April, God gave us the opportunity to work on something that we have desired to do for some time. It has come to our attention in the past that people in our church and outside of our church have requested French resources online for when they could not come to church because of illness, a work situation, or distance. However, we have not been able to really dive in and work on this project until recently. Through this hardship with COVID-19, we have not been able to have church since March 16. All contact must take place online or on the phone. We have had no choice but to expand our online ministry. This is something we have always wanted to do, but due to limitations, it has never been a priority until March 16.

Our 2 older boys (Declan-7 and Zachary-5) have not attended school since the start of the confinement. We have been homeschooling them. Thankfully, we receive the instructions and materials from the local school! During confinement we are only allowed to leave with a time-stamped document. The only things on the list that we qualified for were to buy groceries, to go to the doctor and to go on a one-hour walk within 1 kilometer of our home. No church, no visitation, no family visits, no parks... It is tough. Churches may be allowed to open the end of May or mid-June, but the restrictions will be strict. We do not have much information about this yet. It is possible that we will not be able to meet at the church for a couple week or months. Nobody knows. When we can go back to the church, not all members will come back, but we hope that 10 or so of us can meet and do a live stream from the church for those who are not allowed to come (elderly, young children...).

Although we do not believe church is solely an online experience, we see that God is leading us to make French Bible resources available online. Our goal is to do our best now and to purchase the necessary equipment to be able to live stream once we are back in our building. The reality is that not all of our church will be able to meet together for a long time. **Here's what we need you to pray about:** **1.** That God would grant us the knowledge and the means to streamline our live-streaming process once we return to our building. We are creating content at home which is easy because I can stand in front of the computer, but when we return to the church we will need a new solution. **2.** That we would be able to make an online discipleship class. This will be useful for our members who travel for work and for others who live in an area where there is no church option close by. **3.** That God would help our church family grow closer to Him and to each other. **4.** That God would comfort the Kinder and Boisnard families who both lost a family member. **5.** Finally, please pray about helping us financially with the purchase of a camcorder and other necessary equipment that will enable us to publish the Word online. Thanks for praying for us.

Merci,

James & Virginie Carney

