

A MESSAGE FROM TIM

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 NKJV

Most scholars and commentators agree that this verse does not mean we should focus our evangelistic efforts on the geographical city of Jerusalem or region of Samaria. But is meant to encourage us to start with where we live and continue to move outwards sharing what Jesus Christ has done in our lives.

I trust you are supporting the work of your local church, not just financially, but in prayer and participation. I hope you are also volunteering or helping with a regional foodbank or other outreach. Since you are getting this newsletter, I know that you are supporting missions “to



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equipment at the new station in Brownsburg, QC. Once again, praise the Lord that all the funding has been in our account for years, just waiting for this day. But it is Aujourd'hui l'Espoir's responsibility to provide all the on-air content. They already operate a weekly TV ministry that includes a prayer line and follow-up programs; Radio Espoir is their new radio ministry. Their small staff is already stretched to the limit, and now they need to prepare a daily radio schedule, including hosting several hours of live programming.

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the end of the earth” through the work of Galcom. But what about your “Samaria”?

For English Canada, I propose that our Samaria is the province of Quebec. They are physically close, but are quite different in culture and religion. And just like the ancient Jews and Samaritans, we don't always get along as we should. The population of Quebec is over 8 million, with less than 1% identifying as evangelical Christians. This officially makes the Quebecois an unreached people group. That is why we have worked so hard over the last several years to secure a license for a Christian radio station for our Quebec ministry affiliate Aujourd'hui l'Espoir. Praise the Lord, that license was granted on September 16th!

Now the real work begins. Our responsibility at Galcom is to provide and install all the broadcast and studio

So we are doing something we have never done before here at Galcom: we are asking you to consider supporting another ministry. Would you prayerfully consider a special gift towards Radio Espoir? Throughout this edition of our Quarterly Prayer Calendar and Newsletter, we will be introducing you to the team at RE and the need in Quebec. Please answer the call to be a witness in your Samaria, the province of Quebec.



With you in Christ's service,

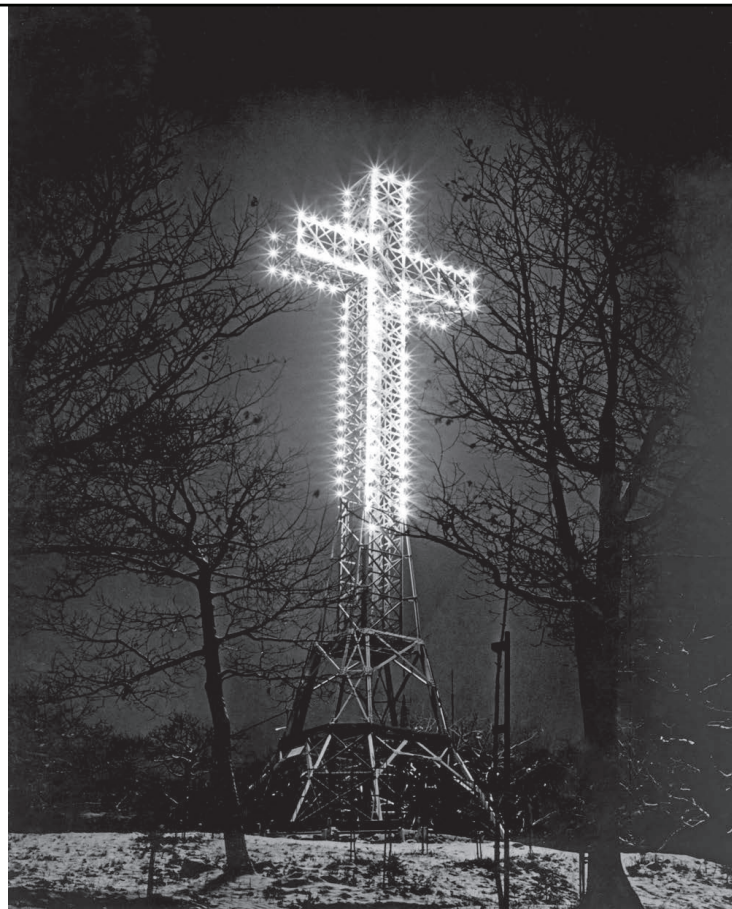
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Tim Whitehead
Executive Director

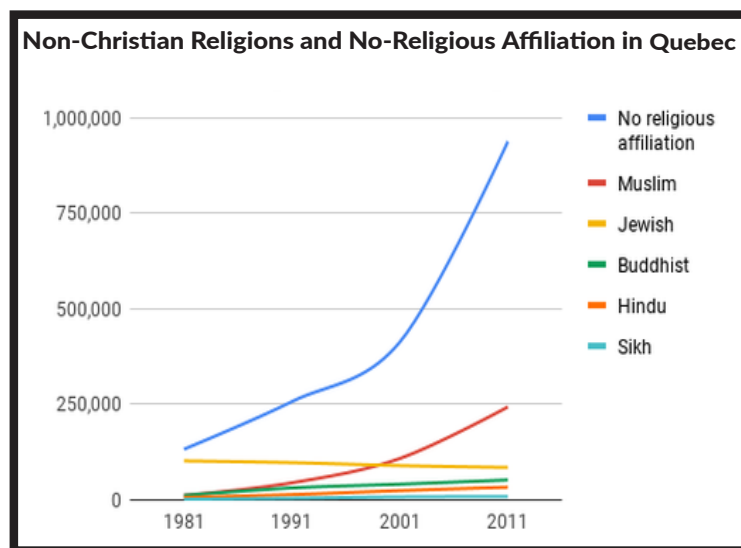
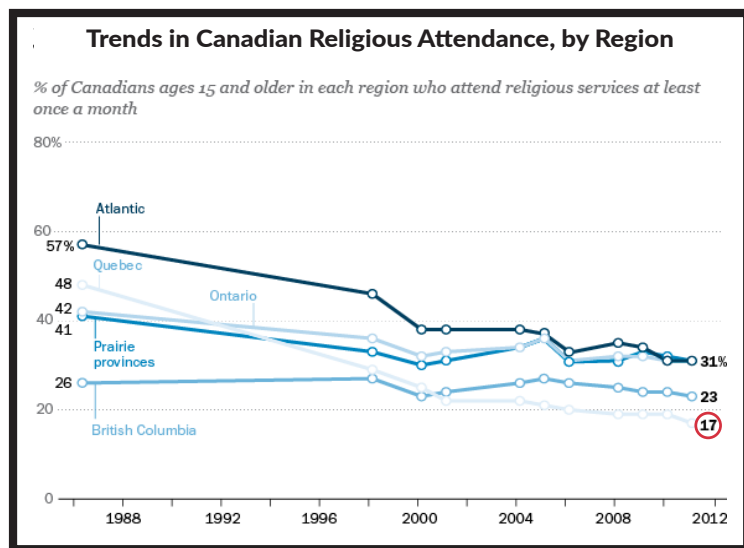
THE PROBLEM IN QUEBEC:

Historically, *la belle province* was dominated by the Roman Catholic Church, but that is no longer true of Quebec today.

As late as 1957, almost nine in ten Quebecois attended church monthly. Today, fewer than **20 per cent** do so. This secularization, one of the most rapid in history, dates back to a wide range of radical 1960s social changes known collectively as the Quiet Revolution. **Quebec has ceased to be Catholic**, and has replaced it with secularism: people identify as Catholic but do not attend or observe any tenets of the church whatsoever.



Today, the challenge for evangelicals in Quebec is not to evangelize a Catholic province, but convert an **increasingly secular population** that still thinks of Protestantism as an alien religion.



So how do we connect with this **unreached people group**, sitting amidst Canada? That's where **Aujourd'hui l'Espoir** (Hope for Today) comes in. Headquartered in Quebec, they aim to share the Gospel message through a variety of media outlets, including television, internet, and radio. Aujourd'hui l'Espoir sees their role as one of **first-contact evangelism** to those who know nothing of Jesus Christ. As people respond to their ministry, they then help those seekers connect with local churches to be more fully discipled.

SEE OVER FOR THE SOLUTION!



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Aujourd'hui l'Espoir program taping

THE SOLUTION FOR QUEBEC:



Eric Perron, CEO

Aujourd'hui l'Espoir has now officially been granted a **radio licence** for Christian radio, spawning a new branch of the ministry, **CJVI Radio Espoir 102.7 FM**. Galcom has raised the funds for the radio-station equipment, but the ongoing annual **operating costs** for generating on-air programming, all original in Quebecois French, are overwhelming. Once on the air, the goal is to build dozens of rebroadcast stations throughout the province.



Annabelle on the telephone prayer line



The team from Radio Espoir

Needs for Radio Espoir

- 126 hours of diversified programs each week, including live call-in programs, Bible teaching, news & current events.
- 250 watts of power for broadcasting from Brownsburg, QC.
- Partner churches to operate rebroadcast stations
- Development of local talent such as musical groups, on-air personalities, and various expressions of Christian art, such as theatre, cinema, visual art, and literature
- Station Manager salary of \$40,000
- Part-time Technician salary of \$25,000
- Translator/Administrator salary of \$40,000

To join in this brand-new way to reach Quebec for Christ, give directly to Aujourd'hui l'Espoir online at: radioespoir.ca/don; or send cheques directly to Radio Espoir, C.P. 34143, Quebec (QC) G1G 6P2.



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