



The Cox Newsletter

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Where in the world is the Cox family . . .

CANADA!?!?

Yes you read correctly
Bonjour from Quebec, Canada.

We have traded in our flip-flops for snow boots and our t-shirts for wool sweaters. You are thinking, or at least you should be thinking, what in the world are you doing in Canada? Well Donna and I ask ourselves that question often (especially as we are attempting to pry open our car doors that are frozen shut). We are studying French at Parole de Vie Béthel, a great school for teaching missionaries French that is in Lennoxville, Québec. It is a ministry of Word of Life (which also has a large camp in Schroon Lake New York). The plan is for us to study French for a year, finish raising support and then go to Benin (the West Africa country where we are slated to serve).

The larger town close to us (i.e. the one you can find on the map) is Sherbrooke, which is about an hour and a half east of Montreal. One of the great things about studying French in the Québec providence is that it is the official language and everything (well almost everything) is done in French.

The decision to come here happened a little quicker than we planned but God's hand was in it. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Paul went to Benin in November to help build the tower for the station (more about that trip on page two). While Paul was there the need to know French became painfully obvious. For a year we had been researching language schools but did not have a peace about the ones we had found. France was very expensive and no one

was recommending the schools we were looking into in West Africa. While Paul was in Benin Parole de Vie Béthel was highly recommended. The one drawback was that the program started in January or September. We thought there was no way to make it in January and what would we do until September?

A few days after Paul's trip our boss, Ray Alary, from Africa visited us in Texas. Over 24 hours we discussed Parole de Vie Béthel, prayed about it and applied. Though we should have applied in July we applied at the end of November and we were accepted the next day. We truly believe it was a GOD thing. Our reasons for not going in January were the lack of support, a chance to regroup after seminary, and the desire to visit friends and family. After much prayer we felt led to take a financial step of faith. As for regrouping and spending time with friends and family, we will take a few months after language school to do this.

Needless to say November and December are nothing but a blur in our memories; Paul spending two weeks in Africa, everyone preparing to move, Paul finishing classes and his thesis. God's grace greatly abounded during that time. Praise be to God that Paul's thesis is finished and has been accepted by DTS. Lord willing, all that Paul has left with seminary is

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some paperwork for his previous ministry experience to count as internship hours. If this paperwork is accepted he will be done. If not he will have to take a two hour independent study from Canada.

The kids are in a dual language school. Nehemiah spends 90 minutes a day on French, Micah Joy 60 minutes and Miriam has class in French every other day. There are nine other missionary families studying at Parole de Vie Bethel. A number of these families have children with whom our kids have become fast friends. In addition our kids enjoy playing with the numerous children in our apartment complex. This has made the transition for them much easier!

Paul's Trip to Benin:

On November 1, Paul went to Benin for 17 days to join a construction team, which built the tower, that will be used for the broadcast of the gospel to West Africa. In addition to getting a tower built, it was a great opportunity to meet some of the people in Benin and see Parakou (the town where we will be living).

While it was very difficult to take this trip while trying to finish my thesis and last semester of seminary, the trip was invaluable. Besides the constant lesson of dependence on God, the critical importance of being competent in French was made clear.



Paul & Garth working on the top beacon

Support Update: Coming to Canada was a step of faith in many ways. One of which was support raising. There is a tremendous need to have people praying for us as we follow God and to have people who will encourage us. Please pray for us and feel free to email, call or write to encourage us. There is also an opportunity for those who would like to give financially. Support should be sent to: Trans World Radio; P.O. Box 8700; Cary, NC 27512-8700. Please insure that Paul & Donna Cox is on the memo line of the check.



The Benin Tower Team

From ~~Dallas~~ ^{Canada} to Benin To Do List:

- Complete Thesis (Final copy turned in and accepted.)
- Visit Friends and Family (Since we did not get to see many of you before we went to Canada, we will attempt to do so the first part of 2007.)
- Finish Seminary (Lord willing, after the submission of some paper work, and its acceptance this mammoth task is done!)
- Learn French (One year in Canada should take care of this.)
- Finish Raising Support

How in the world can you get in touch with the Cox Family?

As always email is the best way to get a hold of us.

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(For the Internet phone just dial the number like a regular number and we will pick up. Just like a regular phone; except it goes through the Internet and is lots cheaper for you and us.)

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