



ILLUMINATE QUEBEC

Garage Sale fundraiser: Haiti update

Quebecers love garage sales. BLF Canada organized a mega *Vente de Garage* (Garage Sale) as a fundraiser for the Haiti project. The sale took place at a farm on the edge of St. Philippe— an excellent venue, with plenty of yard and barn space to house truckloads of goods that were donated for the event.

July 13-15th also coincided with the fair grounds being

open in Lachute, resulting in plenty of visibility and publicity for the sale. Around 500 or 600 people dropped by during the weekend, resulting in **\$2012** in sales! (This brings the grand total to \$5004 for the Haiti project). The fundraiser was such a success that plans are already being made to have another *vente de garage* in the fall.

This event was made possible by the

donations from three local churches (*Église Baptiste Évangélique des Laurentides; Église Évangélique de Lachute; and Église Évangélique de Chatham*), and the dedication of over a dozen volunteers who braved high heat and humidity all weekend (30+ degrees!). Thank-you to all who helped make it happen!



Distribution Center update

Last March, an IQ work team came to Lachute from Arcadia University to prepare the basement of *Église Baptiste Évangélique des Laurentides (EBEL)*. They spent the week painting, as well as working in another church in the area.

BLF Canada is consulting with our partners in Canada as well as BLF International to prayerfully consider the most strategic way to proceed with our goal: Reaching the French world for Christ.



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Sébastien and Sophie donated the use of their barn for the garage sale fundraiser.

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Crusade time!

BLF Canada, in partnership with Hope for Today Ministries (*Aujourd'hui L'Espoir*), is conducting an "evangelism caravan" this summer. The caravan will start in Quebec City, and travel up the St Lawrence River to the Gaspé, partnering with local churches on the way to help with door to door evangelism, music and drama. BLF missionary Daniel Julien will be leading the drama team.



Loaves and Fishes for BLF Canada

Using FundScrip to support BLF Canada just got even easier. FundScrip now has the capability to be paid through direct banking!

All you have to do is go to <http://www.fundscrip.com>. Click "Sign Up" in the top right corner. Fill in a user name and password, and use BLF Canada's invitation Code: FW68RJ

For every gift card you buy (for things you will spend money on anyways,

like groceries!) FundScrip donates a portion back to BLF. Supporting missionaries is just that easy.

For more details, contact Zachariah Kenney zak@blfcanada.org



No More MG

Missions Globales (MG), the only Missions Festival of its kind in Quebec, has been cancelled for 2012, due to lack of funding. It is unclear whether it will start up again in 2013, or whether it is time for Quebec churches to take the baton for themselves. BLF Canada was always represented at this event, and we are sad to see it go.



Featured Missionary: Daniel Julien

Have you ever met a professional clown who is also a professional missionary?

Daniel Julien has been in the entertainment business since he was born. "My father was a trapeze artist" Daniel says. Unfortunately, his parents separated when he was only three. After going through seasons of de-

pression, drugs, alcohol, and suicidal thoughts, Daniel became a Christian. He worked with Teen Challenge Quebec for many years, helping others get through what he's experienced. After years of directing the Teen Challenge Choir, Daniel could envision the place of the arts within ministry.

His company, Silent Witness Productions, teaches others how to use art to present the gospel.

And it works, too. A motivational speaker at a public school can't talk about Jesus, but there's no restrictions for mimes. BLF Canada has been able to access many schools through Daniel.

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Mark your calendars!

Here's what's coming up for BLF Canada:

Gospel Caravan: 18 July- 5 August. See <http://www.espoir.ca/site-espoir/image/Camps/2012-Caravane/Depliant.pdf> for the full itinerary.

IQ teams: Short Term missions spots available in September, as well as April and June 2013. Contact the field office for details

Haiti trip: January 2-13th, 2013.

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