

REACHING SECULAR MONTREAL

BRINGING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
TO THE LEAST-REACHED PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA

Story by Christmas Beeler

Several Calvary Chapels are partnering to share Christ in the province of Quebec, Canada—the largest unreached people group in North America, with less than 1 percent evangelicals. “Many of the younger generation have never met a born-again Christian before,” said Pastor Sébastien Frappier of CC Montreal Regeneration, the only Calvary Chapel in the province of 8 million people.

Sébastien explained that Quebecers turned their backs on Catholicism and became a secular culture during the Quiet Revolution of the 1960s. “In one generation Quebec changed completely. My grandmother attended mass almost every day, and my father was a choir boy. He deserted religion in his early twenties,” Sébastien recalled. “I was raised with no religion whatsoever.” Sébastien came to the States to pursue acting, accepted Christ, and eventually returned to Montreal to plant a Calvary Chapel. Today, he added, “Nine out of ten people we talk to have never heard the simple Gospel that Jesus has died on the cross taking the punishment for their sins, that we’re all sinners, and that only Christ can pay for our salvation.”

One young punk rock musician, Luc Lusignan, came to CC Montreal in 2010 with a Christian friend from his band: “I enjoyed the worship music, and the Holy Spirit started to work in me.” Luc had been reading the Bible and was amazed at Jesus’ words. That day, as Pastor Sébastien urged people to accept Christ, Luc recounted, “I prayed, ‘Jesus, if You are real, please forgive my sins and come into my life.’ I’ll never forget that moment, feeling my entire body fill with love.” Last year, he married a Christian woman from church, and often plays in the worship band. Luc said, “God is doing something here, but we need more people to preach the Gospel.”



A team from Horizon Christian Fellowship, Fitchburg, MA, worships and engages with a Montreal crowd.

CC Montreal partners annually with Horizon Christian Fellowship of Fitchburg, MA, and others to share Jesus through a family-centered outreach called LifeFest. As a result, many families started attending CC Montreal.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

“We have become more evangelistic over the last few years. That is key to a healthy church. Evangelism must be part of the church’s DNA from the beginning,” Sébastien emphasized. Tony Schaapman of CC Montreal draws crowds on city streets with a Gospel painting presentation twice a week. Weekly, believers share the Gospel in a busy metro station. Other Calvary Chapel believers are invited to join the mission team July 20-22 to reach Quebec for Christ. 🇨🇦

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