

# THE ROYS REPORT

## Spring 2016

I know that the song says to “count your many blessings and name them one by one” but at this point, there have been so many blessings in the first three months of 2016 that I have lost count; or may be it’s my memory that is just getting old.

January 4<sup>th</sup> was the first blessing of the New Year. In 2015, organizations such as Galcom International, Trans World Radio, Reach Beyond, Aujourd’hui l’Espoir (in Quebec City) and BLF Canada worked together to bring about a great project that would reach the French speaking population in Québec for Christ through installing 100 low-power repeater radio stations in 100 Quebec towns. The sole purpose of these stations would be to share the message of the Gospel on radio 24/7. All of the programming would be sent through high speed Internet from the mother station located in Quebec City through our partner Aujourd’hui l’Espoir.

### **The detailed plan is as follow:**

Aujourd'hui l'Espoir, located in Quebec City, will become the 'mother station'. They have been sharing the gospel via TV and Internet since 1999 and have a listening audience of over 300,000 people. Bible-based programing will stream from the mother station by means of the Internet. FM repeater stations will be installed at 100 sites throughout the province. We have identified the potential locations of the repeaters stations with consideration being given to the strategic coverage of the province. Changes may be made as the project develops and alternative locations are considered. Each town that will have a repeater station will be connected to a church group. The site will be verified for suitability to optimize the location of the equipment before obtaining the required operating license from the CRTC and Industry Canada.

The equipment consists of a 9-foot antenna mounted on a 25-foot flagpole. The remainder of the equipment is located indoors and consists of three small units that can fit on a shelf in a cupboard. No operating input is required as the equipment 'runs itself'. A high-speed Internet connection is required. A small power input equivalent to a 200 W light bulb is also required. The FM signal has a range of approximately 20 kilometers.

The equipment will be installed (local help and small teams from churches are welcomed) and commissioned by Galcom trained personnel. English churches throughout Canada will be challenged to “adopt” an operating site. For additional information on this special challenge please see the attached pamphlet or better yet, contact Toe-Blake Roy the coordinator of the project in Quebec.

### **Adopt a community in Quebec**

Individuals who become aware of the project should in turn make their pastors aware. North American churches or individuals can prayerfully consider the opportunity to adopt and support one (or more!) of the Quebec churches (or communities). In effect this is supporting the spread of the gospel in the community covered by that radio station.

As the station startup approaches, churches who adopt will be invited to join/send a team to their adopted church and its surrounding area to make the existence of the station known and to participate in an outreach effort.

**Cost of equipment**

Cost to obtain license(s) to broadcast	\$ 800 per site, \$80.000 in total
One time cost of equipment per radio station	\$ 3,500
Annual cost for maintenance and programming	\$ 600 (5 year commitment)



During the months leading to the March meeting, each of the partner groups accomplished their portion of the background work in preparation for the project. With the foundational research in place, all of our partners unanimously agreed to officially launch the project: Living Hope Radio Project. Toe-Blake has been asked to manage and coordinate this project with our English and French partners. The BLF Canada board has approved Toe-Blake's implication in this project as it meet our mission's vision to reach the French-speaking world for Christ. In due time this project will also have very real applications not only in Quebec, but also throughout the French-speaking population of the world.