



RCA Global Mission

2021 Year in Review



Tom Johnson - Worldwide

I started the year with Many Hands for Haiti as their spiritual development manager. After two years of training their Haitian chaplains, Many Hands wanted to change how the chaplains were used. I was given a sabbatical and began searching for a new mission placement. Coram Deo Association of Churches in Holland, MI, has a program to prepare lay leaders to be commissioned pastors and after launching a Spanish-language track, they were interested in someone who could do French. I was hired as the Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups. I assist in training and credentialing Christian leaders to French-speaking people groups in the U.S. and Canada, with a vision for equipping Christian leaders anywhere.

Challenges of 2021

The biggest challenge was the many transitions that I faced. For one, my work with Many Hands for Haiti ended with no clear sense of what was next. Secondly, Aïchatou returned to us and there needed to be adjustments with her and her meds, as well as a supportive home environment for her to explore working outside of the home for the first time in the U.S. Third, once we learned that Coram Deo was to be a suitable partner for RCA Global Mission and myself, I needed to learn more about the organization while starting a French-language training program from scratch.

Hopes for 2022

We're looking forward to enrolling our first candidates in the French language commissioned pastor training program. I believe God will lead us to Francophones who want to plant or grow churches in their communities, but who have been blocked because they weren't trained as pastors. Ideally, we'll get 6-10 candidates started for the two-year training in 2022. I'm convinced word-of-mouth and breaking into the right networks will be the key to growing this ministry.

How We Can Pray

Please pray that the Lord will lead me (and Coram Deo) to networks of French-speaking Christians, particularly recently immigrants to the U.S.

Continue to hold our family in prayer. Aïchatou is back with us and has been working, but was recently laid-off due to factors beyond her control. She does much better when she is busy and enjoys her work environment.



Last trip to Haiti



Multiplying Leaders | Multiplying Churches

Connecting with Connectors

One of the ways Coram Deo is growing is through connecting more widely with "connectors." Connectors are people whom God has strategically formed and placed so that his work is advanced in organic pathways. Recently Jim, Miguel and David met with two leaders of influence in the Christian Reformed Church. They are connectors. Rev. Larry Doornbos and Rev. Roger Butman share some common values with each other: they both love the church, and they both have a track record of



Coram Deo Welcomes Tom Johnson: Our New Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups

When Coram Deo was formed, our vision statement was, "We are called to work with individuals, churches and denominational bodies in the United States and Canada to multiply disciples of Jesus." While our initial focus has been on multiplying leaders and multiplying churches in



Additional Needs

For this first year (or so), we would like to have more travel funds to personally visit French-speaking communities in the U.S. and Canada (Quebec). While most of the training will be done online, we find it best to begin new relationships face-to-face. Higher prices for fuel, hotels, rental cars, and plane tickets mean that our current available funds are insufficient.

Thank You

I have been very thankful that almost all of my supporting churches have continued to walk with me from my posting in Niger to Many Hands for Haiti and now with Coram Deo. I believe they can see that God has been using my past experiences to be a part of new ministries to help grow the French-speaking church. Thank you!