

# QUEBEC CANADA

## DEUX-MONTAGNES AND OKA, QUEBEC, CANADA

**Family Short-Term Mission Trip**  
**July 28 - August 4, 2018**

**Why this trip?** Your children will open their hearts to the world God loves if they are exposed to missions at an early age. Ministering in Quebec provides a cross-cultural experience within a reasonable drive of Hartford. Tent, pop-up, or RV camping is a novel approach to lodging. Community evening meals and family activities provide memorable team fellowship.

**Native Canadians have little Gospel exposure.** Indigenous people are among the least-reached in Canada. **At Oka Iroquois Church**, no children's programs are offered, so Valley provides this outreach in their facilities. This trip is a unique ministry opportunity each year. **Peoples Church in Deux-Montagnes** is near Montreal, a city with very little effective Gospel outreach. They are extremely appreciative of the resources Valley provides, which allow them to offer a Summer Bible Club (SBC) program. People from the church also serve with us.

**Trip Leaders:** Mark Wilson, 781.552.9235, [mwilson0899@gmail.com](mailto:mwilson0899@gmail.com) and Tammy Wilson, 860.712.3141, [twilson0899@gmail.com](mailto:twilson0899@gmail.com)

**Participants:** Babies to grandparents, family units, or singles. Participants age 18 or older must complete the KidSafe process used for Children's Ministry volunteers at Valley. There is no charge, but this does include a background check.

**Ideal # needed:** Ten families of various combinations.

**Expense:** \$500 per family/\$400 per single-parent family.

**Deposit:** \$300 (non-refundable) upon acceptance. This includes campsites, SBC program supplies and equipment, and evening meals. **Expenses not included:** Travel to/from Oka, camping equipment (RV rental, tent, etc.), park cards (\$8.50/day per adult, free for children 17 years and under), breakfasts, and lunches.

**Skills desired:** Ministry to children and teens, music, sports, cooking, and speaking French.

**Oka: Outreach to Mohawk Natives.** Among 1,500 Oka natives, there are very few Mohawks who call themselves *Christian*. However, the entire community appreciates Valley families' consistent interest in their children. Valley families experience cross-cultural ministry together as they demonstrate God's love through SBC for children at the Kanehsatake Pentecostal Church; virtually none of the children involved attend any church. The SBC led by Valley is most likely their only exposure to the Gospel! Valley has been serving here since 2005. Our consistency has been noticed by the community.

**Deux-Montagnes: Peoples Church requests Valley's assistance to conduct their SBC for English speakers in this French-speaking community near Montreal.** In eight years working with this church, 70% of attendees have been unchurched. There are very few other events that bring this kind of response from the community. Peoples Church also holds rallies to follow up with the unchurched children who attend the summer program. Peoples Church volunteers serve alongside the Valley team in Deux-Montagnes.

**Hosts:** Mavis & Ricky Etienne, lay leaders at Oka Iroquois Church, Kanehsatake; Rev. Fred Greenwood, Pastor of Peoples Church Deux-Montagnes; Carole Rybicki, Lay Children's Director, Peoples Church.

**Basic Schedule:** Mornings are for church ministry. Afternoons are for family recreation or service projects. Evening meals are prepared by the Valley team chef and are eaten as a group. Evenings include devotions, family time, and program planning.



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**Food:** Breakfast and lunch are the responsibility of each family. Dinner is eaten as a group and prepared by the Valley team chef with the help of rotating family members each night.

**Lodging:** Tents, pop-ups, or RVs at Oka Provincial Park, Quebec. RVs can be rented in CT, northern VT, or outside Montreal.

**Travel:** Families drive themselves – approximately seven hours from Avon.

**Travel Documents:** Passports are required for adults and teens 16 and older. Birth certificate is adequate for small children.

**Immunizations required:** Tetanus/diphtheria for adults.

**Comments from past participants:**

**Keith & Debbie Ratte:** “It was a great way for us ‘newbies’ to experience the mission field, working with other team members who had lots of previous experience at this location.”

**Steve & Nancy Parent:** “This trip is special because your family has the chance to model living on mission. It’s a huge joy to see our kids grow spiritually and in their willingness to serve.”

**Scott Christiansen:** “Just go. The Lord will take care of you.”

**Mark & Tammy Wilson:** “Changing lives and demonstrating God’s love.”

**Oka hosts, Mavis & Ricky Etienne:** “The team was professional and good to work with.”

**Interest Meetings:** April 7-8, following services, Avon & Bristol Campuses.

**Trip member orientation:** Saturdays, April 21 - May 19, 6:45-8 p.m., Avon Campus. Attendance by at least one adult from each family is required. Concurrent children’s programs are available. A final lunch meeting on a Sunday in July is mandatory for all families.

**Applications now being accepted:** Family Mission Trip application, not the standard Short-Term Mission Trip application is required; available at the World Outreach display or online at [valleycommunity.cc/trips](http://valleycommunity.cc/trips). All trip members age 18 and older must be approved through Valley’s Kidsafe process in order to work with children.

