

Resilience

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On August 22, about 40 employees, including the administrators, pastors, office staff and teachers of Greaves Adventist Academy – Campus Montreal and Campus Sartigan met at the Sandman Hotel in Longueuil for their Annual General Meeting. It was the perfect opportunity to visit with colleagues and get acquainted with newcomers.

The guest speaker was Pastor Nestor Bruno, Director of Ministry Care Line whose mission is to serve the ministerial family by offering confidential and remote access to the support a Christian mental health professional can provide.

After the opening prayer, the mike was turned over to Pastor Nestor Bruno who spoke about resilience. In his devotion, he evoked the experience of Joseph, Caleb, Daniel and others who changed their story because they abided in Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us to discern invisible solutions and once the problem has been solved, we are in a better position to take on heavy responsibilities. No doubt obstacles are the means used by God to prepare us to reach higher grounds and depend on Him.

We will never forget the tennis ball that Pastor Bruno used to show us how to bounce back and fly high. The good thing is that each attendee received a ball so as to remember this scene.

At one point, Pastor Bruno invited Pastor David Cevallos to come up. He pulled the young pastor who resisted with all his might. Pastor Bruno threw a ball at him, but since his hands were holding the hand of the presenter, he could not catch it. Pastor Bruno was acting as Pr. Cevallos's past. The moral of the story is that when we stick to the past, we are unable to seize happiness and the delights of the present.

Before he came, Pastor Bruno gave the employees an opportunity to make appointments with him for private consultations. He received them from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Those who did not have a clear idea of *Ministry Care Line* finally understood that it

is a privilege to take advantage of it because the needs are great and the challenges often insurmountable.

The only shadow in the picture is that everyone would like to sit down a little longer to listen to Pr. Bruno's words of wisdom. Consequently, Pastor Adu, Quebec Conference President, thought about inviting him again but it will be for a wider audience.