

Article: Baby dedication at the Montreal Romanian Church

Baby dedication is special for every family and church, but this one was particularly special for the Montreal Romanian Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A young couple approached Pastor Liviu Badescu requesting a special dedication service for their two children, 4 years and 4 months old respectively. Olivier is a French Canadian and Terrisha was raised in the SDA Church, but neither of them speaks Romanian. The church gladly accepted to step out of its comfort zone and prepared everything so that this family could feel just like home. The choir prepared special songs for the occasion. The sermon that was held in English by pastor Stefanescu focused on the blessing of being creationist parents and on the importance of the Biblical teachings in parenting.



From left to right: Past. Lucian Stefanescu, Oliver holding his new-born, Terrisha and Past. Liviu Badescu

Faith in creation, salvation and blessed hope gives a broader perspective and even greater value to human life as compared to other popular beliefs according to which life is a mere accident.

After the dedication prayer of Pr. Badescu, the church offered two children's Bible and books to the parents, grandparents and other guests. The spiritual service was continued in the fellowship hall with a rich Romanian-flavored buffet. Both parents and grandparents said that the service was beyond their expectation and they expressed their gratitude to the church for offering them much more than a religious service. They said they felt loved.



Pastors Stefanescu and Badescu surrounding the happy family

Olivier and his parents had never been in a Seventh-day Adventist before and his parents appreciated the emphasis that was put on the Bible. Terrisha's sister, who lives in Toronto and has not been to church in years, declared: "Today I was impressed that I must seek an Adventist church in Toronto to attend regularly. The service was moving for my soul."



The church choir, blessing this joyful occasion

Praise God for another wonderful Sabbath in the presence of Jesus! He brings people closer, regardless of language or culture. When we are ready to step out of our comfort zone, the great commission is put in a new light.



The dedicated child surrounded by his father and grand-parents