

France Transcript

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Hello, my name is France. I live in Quebec City, in the heart of the province of Quebec. I arrived here four years ago, and right away I wanted to facilitate a study circle based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh. So with friends who were ready to do so, we started studying Book 1 of the Ruhi sequence. The friends really liked it, so much so that now, after four years, we have finished studying Book 7 of the Ruhi sequence; and I am still surprised to see to what point the Writings, 'the Word of God,' bring unity to the study circle!

The friends are very touched, and they're always happy to come back. Every week we get together and it's a true pleasure, a profound moment, that we spend together, and it means so much to us here in our little corner of the country. At this time, since we have two young girls, we've been participating in activities organised for children, such as children's classes organised by the Baha'is. We've also participated as teachers as well as animators or simply supported different activities as parents. This always brings a lot of happiness to our children. We are very happy to organise these activities in our own home, and with our children's friends, and it's really special to see all that it brings to the children themselves, but also for the very family-like dynamic with our friends and our neighbours who become our friends.

For the children, what they really like is anything that touches creativity, but they also have a real thirst to help other kids they know are in difficulty. They wait with anticipation for the moment they can meet sick kids or kids who are in need, or really offer an act of kindness to other kids. It wonderful to live, together, these times of spiritual consciousness. I've seen the parents of both children's classes as well as teen prayer groups become very touched by what they've witnessed happening. In the children's class, there is a mom who wanted to participate and she offered her services to lead a class - alone even- and she has since had that opportunity to lead the class - alone! Also, we've seen our older girl, who is a junior youth, help out by assisting the youngest one in the class. Having experienced this same sort of thing in our study circle for adults, we saw that it opened up into the organisation of an adult prayer meeting in the same street as one of the study circle participants.

What I also really like is when, during activities such as children's classes, the kids, the adults, and sometimes even the youth are all present, and the different social categories are together.