

Les Amis de la Saint-Camille

April 4, 2022

Hello to everyone,

First of all..., greetings to all our new members. Welcome to our group of interest and support for this African NGO that is the Saint Camille Association, commonly known as "the Saint Camille".

BIG NEWS :

Grégoire's stay in Quebec next May

This man who is bringing us together to support his commitment and that of his team for the benefit of African mental health patients will arrive on the evening of May 12 to continue his journey to New Orleans on the 20th of the same month. Why New Orleans? To receive a prestigious award (Chester Pierce Award) from the American Psychiatric Association (APA) during their annual convention. A big deal! This association brings together the majority of American psychiatrists (tens of thousands) and others from abroad. He was offered the opening lecture: <https://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.pn.2022.04.4.31> for 90



minutes. He will be accompanied by Dr. Benoît Des Roches, a Quebec psychiatrist who knows St. Camille well. A booth will be set up by an American organization that supports St. Camille, "Treatment Not Chains" (<http://www.treatmentnotchains.org/>) which is gradually developing. This is a great opportunity to network with our neighbors to the south, which we have been hoping for a long time. It so happens that the people in charge of "Treatment Not Chains" are two psychiatrists, members of the APA.

Before coming to Quebec, we organize activities and meetings for him during the short time he will be with us. The most important one is the launch of a book by Dr. Des Roches on Wednesday, May 18. This event will be an opportunity for you all to meet him and the author. Your assistance is expected. So welcome to this great opportunity.

This introduces you to...

Launch of the book "Le Regard qui Libère"

As previously written, the highlight of Grégoire's stay will be the Quebec launch of this book at Éditions Paulines (2653 Masson, Montreal) at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 18. A launch in Paris with Grégoire and Benoît took place in January. Who is Benoît Des Roches?

Benoit is a community psychiatrist in the suburbs of Montreal. For the past 10 years, he has been going to Benin every year to meet Grégoire as a volunteer for 3 to 4 weeks. He provides consultation and training to the workers, accompanies Grégoire and participates in conferences with him in the country or elsewhere. At the request of the latter, he wrote this book in which he puts his professional (psychiatrist) and spiritual (catholic believer) perspective. He also relates Gregory's personal journey from his childhood. We read how this man became the caregiver, the fighter, the entrepreneur and the visionary that he is today.

The reference for this book: Le Regard qui Libère, ed. Salvator, Paris, 2022. It is currently on sale on Amazon and in the following bookstores:

- In Quebec City: Médiaspaul, Laliberté, Morency, Renaud-Bray Galeries de la Capitale and Renaud-Bray Sainte-Foy bookstores
- In Sherbrooke: Médiaspaul and GGC bookstores
- In Gatineau: Renaud-Bray Promenades Gatineau and Rose-Marie bookstores
- In Montreal: Médiaspaul, Paulines, Bertrand Foucher Bélanger, Monet and Renaud-Bray Côte-des-Neiges bookstores.

We hope to see you at the launch of this book. You should not regret meeting these two men. They are deeply committed, each in their own way, to the benefit of those people who are being treated for their mental illness at Saint-Camille in order to regain their health and human dignity.

Receive the greeting of our team beyond my own,
Jean-Paul

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