Our LPD: "By God's grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ."

Sept 4, 2015

**Good Thursday morning friends,** Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.



What's God Up To In Our LPD Family? Sometimes, things just don't go as we anticipate and plan...

Last Sunday morning, after Saturday's windstorm and after reviewing my sermon by flashlight at home, I made my way through downed trees and non-operative traffic lights to Langley EFC, City Park Campus for their morning service. I was to preach, while Pastor Darren joined Campus Pastor Matt (Val) Myers at the Clayton Heights Campus. As it turned out, due to the power outage, the City Park Campus cancelled their service, so I headed up to the Clayton Campus instead. It was great to be there, as they prepare for the relaunch of the Clayton Campus on September 13.

God sometimes allows these surprises - I had the honour of spending some special time in the Word, and God spoke to me through my sermon prep. It was also a joy to both witness and cheer on God's good work at the Clav-

was also a joy to both witness and cheer on God's good work at the Clayton Campus, and to see Darren and Matt partner in ministry. Please continue to pray for Pastor Matt And Val as they settle in to their new ministry at Clayton Heights - and await the at imminent arrival of their first child.

*Last Sunday afternoon*, it was a joy to join Jesus is our Salvation Church (Filipino Church) in North Surrey, where I preached and participated in the installation of leaders for a new season of ministry. Please continue to pray for this growing church that reaches out to Filipino immigrants and beyond in Surrey.

Please join us in praying for Christ Community Church - our LPD Church of the Week. The community of Ucluelet has been hard hit through the closing of the coast guard communication station, and this has impacted the church as well. Please pray for them, and for Pastor Miles and Lorie White, as they serve. Miles is now serving bi-vocationally.

God has been doing great things through Christ Community Church, and we are thankful for the recent ministry partnership with **The Church of the Sent For Life Proclamation** in ministering to the local **Hitaku First Nations** people.



## Please also pray for:

- We are thankful for God's leading in the search for a pastoral intern for New Westminster EFC. Henry (Kimberly) Christified has been called to serve as intern. Henry is from Kenya, and Kimberly grew up in North Delta. Their installation will be on September 20. Also, congratulations to Henry and Kimberly on the birth of their son Mischael on August 20!
- EFCCM Personnel Director, Wade (Adele) Hammond, as he recovers from surgery .
- Former LPD Board Chair, Bob (Maureen) Wilson, who is home (PTL) after open heart surgery on Tuesday, July 28.
- Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC, as Connie battles cancer.
- Fall kick-offs in district churches.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- LPD Pastors and Staff Cruise Wednesday, October 28.
- Christian Sexuality Workshop
  November 6,7 at Fort Langley EFC. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this timely workshop on biblically ministering in our times. Here is the link to the online brochure: <a href="http://www.flefc.org/events/holy-sexuality-conference-with-dr-christopher-yuan">http://www.flefc.org/events/holy-sexuality-conference-with-dr-christopher-yuan</a>

We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <u>http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/</u> for more info. Gifts can now be received via Pay-Pal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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