

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

April 1, 2016

Good Friday 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?

Last Sunday (Easter Sunday), it was a joy to join Tim and Emily at New Westminster EFC for their Easter Service. It was a special time, with Scripture read in English, Japanese and Korean.

Another highlight was the baptism of **Liang Mei Liu**, and immigrant from China who first came to the church in 2004 to learn English. Through her teachers, Carl, Erna, Emily, Pastor Tim and others, she both heard and saw the gospel being lived out, and was drawn towards the church family and more importantly, to Christ.

Since coming to Christ, Liang and her husband have experienced both the goodness and protection of God. On Sunday, Liang publicly identified with Christ through baptism.

Liang cites John 3:16; Isaiah 53:6 and Mathew 11:28-29 as verses that have been precious to her, and she includes her prayer of salvation in her written testimony, *Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Saviour and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be. Amen.*

Liang appeals to all who hear with the words, "We must individually RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST as Savior and Lord. Then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

Thanks to all of you who are ministering in ESL in your local LPD Church! May you too come to know and share with people like Liang, as they hear and see the gospel as they are with you in ESL!



This weekend is a full one for me in LPD ministry, and I will value your prayers.

- Friday - church planter assessments.
- Saturday AM - meeting with Trinity Western Seminary students at ACTS
- Saturday afternoon - Monday - travel to Christ Community Church in Ucluelet, to preach, meet with leaders and to share time with Pastor Miles and Lorie White.

Please pray for The Rock Christian Fellowship, our LPD Church of the Week.

Please pray for:

- Please pray for **Allen and Hannah Chang** and **Daniel and Joyce Wong**, who will undergo church planter assessments today.
- Pray for **Steveston/South Richmond**, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Pray for **Port Alberni**, as we explore God's leading for a church plant as well.
- Pray for God's fresh work and revitalization in those district churches that are needing to "reverse" their lifecycle.

Evening Service Easter Sunrise Service

The Rock Christian Fellowship
Church of the Week

Praise Points/Requests:

- Praise for the annual Ladysmith Celebration of Light fundraiser raised over \$8000 for the Ladysmith Soup Kitchen
- Please pray for continued unity, blessing, and the Lord's guidance in all we do.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **E4H - Discipleship through Church Planting - May 13-16 - Here is the link: <http://efccm.ca/pdfs/2016E4Hbrochure.pdf>**
- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT Workshop - Tuesday, May 3. - details to be announced.** This workshop is to assist you in readying your church for the changes coming to the BC Societies Act and preparing your church for this. **Islanders - a workshop will follow on a Saturday in May or June.**
- **June 1 - LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise!**

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 <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. 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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