

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

May 27, 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?

As You are aware, last weekend, I travelled to Alberta to speak at the celebration of life of our nephew Nathan's son, Hunter. Sunday would have been the day of Hunter's first birthday.

It was so special to be able to share of our hope in Christ to those gathered, the majority of whom have not been to church in a long time.

I was so impressed by the warm welcome and generosity of the church in Medicine Hat, with which Nathan and Laura have been loosely affiliated. It truly was the local body of Christ at its finest. Nathan and Laura's "Celebrate Recovery Group" totally organized and provided the reception following the service.

Churches, please do not underestimate the powerful witness of a church that reaches out to the hurting and lost! Who knows how many lives were impacted by the message of the service - in both word and deed.



This weekend, I will join the men of North Delta EFC in a men's retreat on Mayne Island. I look forward to this time with brothers in Christ - as I travel on most weekends, it is special to have some time with people of our home church.

Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant **two more churches this year**. Please see our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. **Gifts can now be made via PayPal to various projects above**. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.

Please pray for: Jonathan and Harmony Ng, LPD Missionaries who are serving with Servants Canada on the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver - our LPD Missionary of the Week

- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Port Alberni, as we explore God's leading for a church plant as well.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), on their short-term mission to Kenya.
- Alberta churches ministering to those displaced by the Fort McMurray fire. (see email for how you can help!)

Servants Vancouver (Jonathan Ng)

LPD Church of the Week

Prayer Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More workers for the harvest to work towards shalom in the Downtown Eastside• More churches to engage the Downtown Eastsides of their neighbourhoods• Our neighbours to experience an abundant life in Jesus	Ministry Philosophy - "seeking the shalom of the neighbourhood" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on healthy, Christ-centred relationships and restoring the image of God in each person.• Community focus: we do things as a team, for practical and theological reasons.• Helping out while respecting each person's dignity: People are our friends, not our clients.• In many ways, we are like family to people who have no family
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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT** - The Act comes into force on November 28, 2016. Societies (that includes churches) cannot transition before this date, and afterwards, there is a two year (November 28, 2016 - November 26, 2018) period for existing societies to come into compliance with the new Act. **We will be providing resources along the way!** Please check our LPD website, where we will be posting resources under the "Administration Resources" tab. **Watch for a workshop in September!**
- **June 1 - LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise!** **Please register at:** <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>
- **Camp Evergreen, August 1-6, 2016 at Camp Charis.** This is the "official" camp for the Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. Camp Evergreen is also a member of the BC Camping Association. The beauty of this excellent camp is that it can be an extension of the ministry of your local church, and follow up of campers can also be done through your local church. <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>
- **EFCC National Conference, August 4-6, 2016, at Fort Langley EFC.** **Join us for pre-conference prayers times at Fort Langley EFC on June 21st and July 19th from 7-8PM.**

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,
Rob and Karen

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