

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

June 10, 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?

**Fourteen years ago**, a young family moved to Ucluelet BC to pastor Christ Community Church. It was a big step of faith for everyone! The family moved on in 2005, and over the years, as the family grew, and they served in several ministries, both in Canada and overseas.

We have kept up through the years, and over the past two years, God has been birthing something new in our hearts - a call to partner together in planting a church in Port Alberni.

Nori and Shelly Anderson have completed the ERCC E4H church planting training and have been assessed and recommended by our LPD Church Planting Assessment Team. Our LPD Board accepted them as LPD Church Planting Missionaries at our May 18 LPD Board meeting, and they will officially start their church planting ministry in Port Alberni on August 1st.



Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with Nori and Shelly, 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 Nori and Shelly and other missionaries through our LPD Website. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.

**Last weekend**, Karen and I enjoyed being with Pastor Chris and Verna Wilson and the people of Nanoose EFC, where I preached on Sunday morning and later in the day, we traveled down to Ladysmith to join Interim Pastor Joel and Ingrid Chiri and the people of The Rock Christian Fellowship for their service Sunday evening. We are thankful for God's good work in both these churches.

**This weekend**, I look forward to speaking at the English Ministries service at Richmond Chinese EFC, and to later joining Jesus is Our Salvation Church in Surrey.

**Please pray for: Pastor Nori and Shelly Anderson - our LPD Church Planting Missionaries of the Week, as they prepare for church planting in Port Alberni.**

#### **Pray also for:**

- Pastor Ranjith Perera (Priyantha) who is on a short-term mission to Sri Lanka from June 8-July 1.
- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), on their short-term mission to Kenya.

Nori and Shelley Anderson LPD Missionary of the Week

Port Alberni

We are trusting God for a Core Group of at least 30 adults. Please pray that God will bring those folks to us as we land in Port Alberni at the beginning of August.

Housing - please pray that He will lead us to the right home at an affordable price where our ministry will begin.

Please pray that God will raise up not only prayer partners but financial partners who will journey with us as we trust God to bring this work to self-sufficiency in the next couple of years.

### **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!
- **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.

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May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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