

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

June 24, 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?

This weekend, Karen and I look forward to travelling to Mountain View Church in Sardis, where I will preach and we will recognize Associate Pastor Will Burgess with his EFCC Ministry Credential. They will also recognize graduates from High School. Please pray for Pastor Will, for Lead Pastor, Evans and Donnae Hundermark and for the church family as they minister to the people of the community of Sardis.

It is great to see how God provides servants for His people. Evans and Donnae Hundermark were pastoring in Zimbabwe when they came to Canada to visit family. I was introduced to Evans, and I in turn introduced him - first to Tim Hortons and later to Mountain View Church, which was seeking a pastor. The rest, they say, is history. Evans is a servant-leader, as evidenced by him "pushing broom" after his service of ordination in the photo to the right.

Will Burgess is a product of our North Delta EFC, where he was mentored in the faith and gained his first ministry experience. He also interned at Fort Langley EFC last year, and early this spring was called to serve as Youth Pastor at Mountain View 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 LPD Church Planting Missionaries through our LPD Website. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.

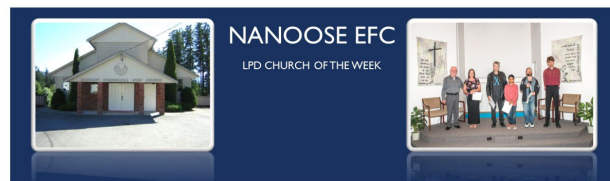
Last weekend, it was a joy to join Pastor Bruce and Hannah Li and the people of Grace EFC, where I preached. Please pray for this new church that reaches out to Mandarin speaking people in our region.

Please pray for: Nanoose EFC, our LPD Church of the Week. Please pray for Pastor Chris and Verna Wilson, and for the witness of this church family in Nanoose Bay and beyond.

Pray also for:

- Pastor Josh and Clara Lok, as Burnaby Chinese EFC bids farewell to them on June 26, as they conclude their ministry there. Pray for Josh and Clara as they seek the Lord for the future.
- Pastor Daniel and Joyce Wong, as Richmond Chinese EFC bids farewell to this weekend, as they also conclude their ministry. Pray for Daniel and Joyce as they seek the Lord to join in church planting in Steveston.
- 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. Pray for the upcoming team of Steve and Gillian Sharpe, Allen and Hannah Chang, and Daniel and Joyce Wong, as they prayerfully prepare for this in the months ahead.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, as they prepare for church planting in Port Alberni.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), who have just returned from their short-term mission and visit to Kenya.

- We praise the Lord for the four people baptized On Sunday the 19th. The youngest was 11 and the eldest 60! Please pray for Byron, Lynn, Tim and Gord and their continued growth in grace.
- Two of our members just returned from a short term mission trip to Malawi.
- Please pray for our continued ability to support our various missions in Pakistan, Madagascar, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Uganda, South Africa and the Philippines.
- We are thankful to our ladies sewing group which is heavily engaged in making clothing sent to various missions



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 a pre-conference prayer time at Fort Langley EFC on July 19th from 7-8 PM. EARLY BIRD registration ends June 30!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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