

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

November 18, 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?

Our Lower Pacific District is composed of 32 churches. We represent something of the diversity of our region, and have ministry in eight languages in our ministries. One of these languages is Swahili at **Jesus Grace international Church in Vancouver**.

Pastored by **Sammy and Eva Kabyemera**, this church meets at Strathcona Community Centre on Sunday afternoons. Sammy also works at a warehouse.

Sammy, Eva and their families came to Canada as refugees, and it was a joy to witness them becoming fellow Canadian Citizens.

Please pray for the ministry of Sammy, Eva and the people of Jesus Grace International Church.

We also have a "**Kabyemera Christmas Fund**," by which we are seeking to assist the Kabyemera family be reunited for Christmas. Please see my email of yesterday for details on how you can participate in bringing son Israel, his wife Adyeri and their son Joshua home for Christmas and life in Canada.



Last week, it was a joy to minister at **New Westminster EFC**. **This week**, I look forward to ministering at **North Delta EFC**, where I pastored from 1985 - 2002. We are thankful for the ministry of **Pastor Mark and Tami Johnson** there, along with **Stewart Warnock**, who ministers to youth.

Your partnership with our Lower Pacific District and church plants through prayer and finances is appreciated. Thank you! Gifts can now be made via PayPal to LPD or to Church Planting Projects through our LPD Website. Please check "Donate" on the LPD website main page and under the "Designated Gifts" tab to donate to church plants. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Please Pray for:

- **Immanuel Korean Church**, our LPD Church of the Week.
- LPD Churches, as we prepare for the opportunities and ministries of Advent and Christmas.
- Please pray for **Pastor Noel and Lynda Macasaet**, and for **New Living Assembly**, our LPD Church of the Week. *Pastor Noel and Lynda leave for a short-term mission to the Philippines this weekend, and they will value your prayers for God's work in them as they go.*
- **Quadra Island Bible Church**, as they seek a transitional pastor.
- **Nori and Shelly Anderson**, church planters in **Port Alberni**.
- **Christ Community Church**, and their search for a pastor.
- **New Westminster EFC**, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
- Please pray for **Ben and Anna**, for Anna as she recovers from minor surgery, and for Ben's parents, **Brian and Mary Crumback**, as he undergoes chemotherapy and radiation to treat a brain tumor.
- **Steveston/South Richmond**. Pray for the leadership 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.

Immanuel Korean Church
17957 55 Ave, Surrey

Please pray for Pastor Young Jin and Mi-sun Song as they seek to reach Koreans in Cloverdale. Please also pray for this time of transition of staff in the church and also that God will fill the need for Sunday School teachers. Immanuel Korean Church will celebrate their 19th anniversary on December 4 2016!

NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT - The Act comes into force on **November 28, 2016**. Please check our LPD website, where we have posted resources - under the "Administration Resources" tab. **Pastor and church chairs, please see the letter with steps for transition that was sent from our district this week. Our LPD will register immediately when we can after Nov. 28 and we will pass on what we learn to you!**

Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday School at VCEFC**. "The World According to the Gospel," with Jonathan Wilson, Pioneer McDonald Professor of Theology at Carey Theological College. This **free** course will be held November 9, 16, 30, 8:00-9:30 pm at Vancouver Chinese EFC. Contact Pastor Dan Williams for more information, or watch the VCEFC website at: <http://www.vcefc.org/>
- **LPD Conference** - March 10, 11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church.

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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