

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

November 4, 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?



PLEASE PRAY that God would:

- Continue to bring the right people and those He has prepared for this new work
- Grant us boldness to follow the lead of Spirit to enter into new relationships and networks
- Lead us to be spiritually receptive to people

Steveston Project
LPD CHURCH OF THE WEEK

In recent years, God has put the community of Steveston on my heart. To some of you, this might seem to be a "no-brainer." Steveston has both lot of boats and great fish and chips!

Much more than this, however, Steveston has grown in population while the churches have struggled and closed.

I have been praying for God to use us in planting a church in this community, and I am delighted that He is putting this into place. Church planters Steve and Gillian Sharpe moved to this community, not intending to plant a church, but God has stirred this in their hearts. Allen and Hannah Chang also felt this burden, as did Daniel and Joyce Wong.

In recent months, Allen and Hannah have resigned from their ministry at Richmond Chinese EFC, and they together with Daniel and Joyce have undergone the district church planter assessments. We affirm them in this calling and in serving as missionaries with our district.

The Steveston Project is a huge step of faith for us all! We welcome and need your partnership, your prayers and your financial support as we move towards the birth and launch of this new work. *Please see today's email attachments for a synopsis and a full description of this God-birthed project.*

Churches can join in church planting by being either a sending church or a supporting church - please contact us for more information. For news on our LPD and how you can personally be a part of what God is doing, please visit : <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Last week, Karen and I enjoyed ministering at Central EFC in Courtenay, and presented the ministry credential to Pastor Jeremy Boehm (Lauren), who serves alongside Pastor Dave Koleba (Lydia). This week, I look forward to ministering at Johnston Heights Church, where I will be speaking in their series on the Book of Acts.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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. Students will enter into the world according to the gospel so that we may live faithfully, hopefully, and joyfully. 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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