



Daniel and Sara Stewart, May, 2010

- **Camp Evergreen** is coming! Check out this blogspot for more information and to get in on the fun. <http://efccassocabout.blogspot.com/> Camp runs from August 2nd to 7th, 2010.
- **District Superintendent, Rob (Karen) Stewart** is delighted to have another family member in the Stewart clan. On May 1st, Rob's son Daniel was married to Sara Unrau. Congratulations to the ever-growing Stewart family!

• **Ed (Diana) Wallan** is completing 21 years of ministry at **Johnston Heights Church in Surrey** on the 27th of June. He and Diana have accepted a call to Bolivia, where they will be pastoring a church, under the EFCCM. In younger years, Ed and Diana were missionaries in Columbia, so this is somewhat of a 'going home' move at a time in their lives when many would be retiring. We are thankful for the example of faith in their lives and ministry.



Pastor Ed and Diana Wallan are loved and appreciated by the people at JHC.

Please remember our District's need in your church budgets and giving. It is our desire to invest Endowment Funds to support your local churches in church planting and ministry expansion and not to fund District operational expenses. **Thank you!**

- Please pray for our **LPD Board** as we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ.

Board members are:

- Tom Hilchie - Island Link
- Evans Hundermark - Church Planting
- Joshua Lok—Chinese Church Liaison
- Craig Murdoch—Innovative Ministries Liaison
- Rob Stewart - Superintendent
- Ken Strom - Member at Large
- David Guillaume - Secretary
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Lower S'Pacifics

News from your Lower Pacific District Family
 June, 2010

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

Summer, the season for transition and fruitfulness...

Though the weather has been less than convincing, summer has officially arrived for 2010. School is ending for the year, vacations are planned, and our gardens, planted weeks ago, bring promise of a harvest of fruit and vegetables over July and August.

So with summer in our churches. Sunday School is winding up for the summer months. Many will be planning some vacation time away. Others may be moving to another locale. All the while, there is rich opportunity for fruitful ministries.

As you peruse this summer issue of the Lower S'Pacifics, you will see that there is a lot of change in our churches as God calls and transitions personnel to new assignments. Several pastors and churches are currently in transition. Please pray for them.

You will also see that God is at work, and that there has been fruitfulness in the ministries of our churches. In our newest work, in south Nanaimo, LPD Church Planting Missionary, Stephen Sharpe reports that a lady received Christ just as they have been planning a church plant!

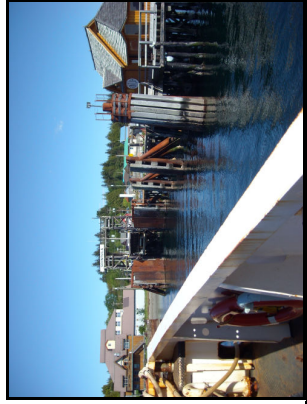
There are many outreaches, missions and ministries planned for this summer through our churches. North Delta EFC will be entering a float in the

Delta Family Day's Parade on June 27th. Mission trips are planned to have people in our churches minister to people from Mexico to Sointula. Most churches are planning Vacation Bible School ministries and other ministries to youth and children. North Delta EFC is planning for "Explosion," a youth ministry that truly impacts the community through acts of service and outreach.

As you serve the people of your communities through summer ministries, please remember to build bridges for the fall ministries as well. Parents and children who have been blessed through DVBS at your church may well be open to ministries in the fall as well - *build on summer ministry.*

As you take some time away this summer, please plan to drop in on a sister church in our district, perhaps even one of our Korean, Chinese or New Life International Church, our new Sri Lankan Church. For a complete list of our 30 LPD Churches, please see our website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

May God bless you as you walk with and serve him!



Sointula on Malcolm Island

Yours and Christ's servants,

Rob and Karen Stewart, *lpd superintendent*

Highlights for Prayer and Praise in the LPD:

- Tuesday, June 1 the LPD pastors and staff enjoyed a cruise aboard BC Ferries. This is always a time of encouragement for all who are able to attend. Our theme was 'leaders who shepherd: shepherds who lead.' As well, we heard from a few of the pastors of how God is leading in their lives and churches. Encourage your pastor to attend this uplifting event!



The LPD pastor's cruise group enjoying fellowship together.



Pastor Chris & Verna Wilson minister at Nanoose EFC

- **Pastor Chris (Verna) Wilson** and the people of **Nanoose EFC** are celebrating Chris's transfer of ordination. We are thankful for what God is doing in Nanoose Bay and for the great relationship between Chris and Verna, the church leadership and the church family. Thanks to island pastors **Tom Hilchie (Parkdale EFC, Victoria), Paul Budd (Wildwood Church, Bowser)** and **Dave Koleba (Central Church, Courtenay)** for their help in the interview.

- **Cyndi (Tim) McCarthy** will be completing her ministry as Worship Director at **Fort Langley EFC**, effective the end of July. We are thankful for the ministry of Cyndi, and pray God's blessing for her, Tim and their family, as she returns to teaching school.

- **Rob Stewart** and **Namgyu (Heejoung) Lee (Church of the Sent for Life Proclamation)** went for a visit to the Cloverdale Sushi restaurant (**Sashimi Sushi**) of **Pastor Choul Woo Park, and his wife Helen, of New Light Sungkyul Church**. Obviously bi-vocational, it was a joy to visit them, enjoy their food and to officially welcome them into the LPD family. The church currently meets in the Park's home in Surrey, and are looking for a church location.

- **Wildwood Community Church** gives thanks for the ministry of **Children's Pastor, Lynda (Colin) Hearn**, and for her service over the past four years. The church, as a smaller congregation, has been challenged to retain two pastors on staff, and so, will need to manage with one for now. Lynda's ministry has been appreciated. Please pray for them all in this time of transition, and for **Pastor Paul (Shelly) Budd** who will carry on the ministry, in partnership with the church. family



The Hearn family and others at the Bowser Church.

- Sunday, May 23 was Global Day of Prayer. People from basically every country in the world had prayer services or large city-wide prayer events. **Pastor Ken (Nova) Strom** and **Pastor John (Kate) Paeng (New Westminster EFC)** created the morning service around the global prayer theme. A variety of people from the church prayed in 12 different languages besides English. There were probably 4 other languages spoken in the congregation that could have been used. Praise the Lord for this unique multi-cultural church in the ethnically diverse neighborhood of New Westminster.

- The LPD is excited about a new church plant being planned for the south Nanaimo/Ladysmith area, locally known as Cedar. **Steve (Gillian) Sharpe** is an experienced church planter who has recently moved to the Island from the Kelowna area. They join a group of people who have been praying for this opportunity to open up. Praise the Lord for how he has pulled people from various and unique situations together. Steve and Gillian have been accepted as church planting missionaries with the LPD to facilitate the launch of this new work.



Dave Guillaume (left) from WRCC is also secretary of the LPD board. Here he is taking notes of the LPD annual general meeting.

- **White Rock Community Church** is sorry to be saying goodbye to **Pastor Dave (Linda) Guillaume**. Dave has been with White Rock part time ministering in the area of Christian education. Having recently completed his PhD in educational studies, Doctor Dave is moving over to Trinity Western University to be teaching courses there.

- **Quadra Island Bible Church** is excited to welcome **Nathan** and **Amber Kinsey** as their new pastor. Nathan has just finished at Briercrest Bible College in Sask. Nathan and Amber have LPD roots at Grace Community Church in Pitt Meadows. They plan to move to Quadra Island and begin ministry in July.

- **New Westminster EFC** has said goodbye to **Ken (Nova) Strom** on June 13. Pastor Ken has been with them as an interim pastor for four years. His ministry has been a blessing to them and he and Nova will be much missed.

Please pray for **Pastor John Paeng** as he picks up the mantle and carries on in this ethnically diverse area.



Pastor Ken Strom received a gift from the New West church.