

- Congratulations to **Nathan (Amber) Kinsey** of **Quadra Island Bible Church** at the arrival of Autumn Laureen Kinsey to their family on Monday, June 13. She weighed in at 7 lbs 12 oz, and is a sister for brothers Elliot and Jackson.



The Kinsey family is delighted with their new addition.

- Our **LPD Board** went the next step in technology at the June board meeting. Our Director of Property and Finance, Bill Steller, joined us from Yellowknife by Skype! Thank God for these brothers and servants, and their time freely given in serving you and our Lord.
- **LPD Website:** We are in the process of revamping our LPD Website to include more information and services for your church. Please check us out at www.lpd-efcc.ca

Want to know more?

Please call or email us at our office to be added to the "Friends of the LPD" email newsletter list. It will keep you up-to-date on all the news and prayer requests in our district.

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
 Bill Steller - finance & properties
 Rob Stewart - Superintendent
 Ken Strom - Member at Large
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News from your Lower Pacific District Family
 June, 2011

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

Summertime....

It has been a long, wet and cold spring, and as I write this on the first day of summer, it finally feels like it might have arrived!

Our yard has slowly been coming into bloom, as week by week the flowers, rhododendrons and trees have been growing and flowering. Sarah's vegetable garden, while slow growing this year, has already produced rhubarb, chives and beets.

Gardening can be tedious. It can be disappointing. We have no control over the weather. Insects can quickly destroy what we have worked so hard to produce.

Despite the potential downfalls of gardening, we persist. We hope for a harvest, and as we plant each year, we do so with renewed hope of fresh produce, and beautiful flowers. Somehow, last year's disappointments fade away with the opportunities of a new season.

Ministry in the local church is perhaps no different. As Paul says in I Corinthians 3 - we sow and we water with one purpose (as one), seeking a God-produced harvest of disciples of Christ. There may be storms and set-backs - but we persist, with hopes of harvest.

As I visit our district churches, I am delighted at the work of sowing watering, and harvest through the faithful work of so many! There are people coming to Christ. Many are being baptized (six at Jesus Grace International Church), and people are giving time to summer missions. Thank you for your partnership in the work of the gospel, and may God bless you and your efforts for him this summer.

As Karen and I recently visited Sointula Community Church for their 50th anniversary, we were again both reminded and thankful for the faithful volunteer ministry of Barny and Ivy Prestie, who came to Malcolm Island in 1954 to help build Christ's Church, and have served as volunteers for 57 years!



Please pray for Camp Evergreen (see info on back-page), for summer missions and DVBS in district churches—may it be another season of fruitfulness! As you travel about our region on vacation - from Chilliwack to Ucluelet and Sointula, please pray for and even visit a district church—see our website for churches locations and service times.

Karen and I will be praying for you. As I write, we are awaiting the birth of our second grandchild to Tim and Emily, and our third grandchild - to Jon and Jackie in August. We are thankful!

Yours and Christ's servants,
 Rob and Karen Stewart, *lpd superintendent*



Stella Wan serves at Richmond Chinese EFC.

Highlights for Prayer and Praise in the LPD:

• Rob Stewart visited **Richmond Chinese EFC** for the installation of **Stella (Otto) Wan** as **Pastor of Chinese Ministries**. She has served as an “apprentice pastor,” under **Pastor Anthony (Kate) Yeung** and **Pastor Tony (Graf) Wong** in the Chinese congregation, and now will officially join the team, focusing on visitation and women’s ministries. While there, Rob also presented the certificate of licenses to **Pastors Allen (Priscilla) Chang** and **Pastor Tony (Graf) Wong**.

• Thank you for joining us in prayer for **Tami (Mark) Johnson (North Delta EFC)** and **Kate (Anthony) Yeung (Richmond Chinese EFC)**. Both these ladies are home recovering from cancer and reconstructive surgeries. Please continue to pray as they deal with testing and further treatments in the weeks and months to come.

• Malcolm Island is the site of **Sointula Community Church**, our furthest away church. On the first weekend in June, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. We are thankful for this church family, and for the ministry of **Pastor Rick (Sandy) McAllister**. We thank God for **Barnie and Ivy Prestie** who have served the church faithfully since 1954.



Outdoor celebration at the Sointula 50th anniversary.

Please pray for this church; it is no longer able to support a full-time pastor at this time, and so Rick and Sandy will continue on a part-time basis as they look towards retirement in the months ahead. Please pray for the church leadership, as they look to the Lord for the future.

• After a thorough search, **North Delta EFC** is delighted to be calling **Stewart Warnock** as their youth pastor. Stewart is a home grown member of the congregation and will bring a passion for music with him to the position. As a side note, Stewart is the son of Rob Stewart’s cousin, Bob.



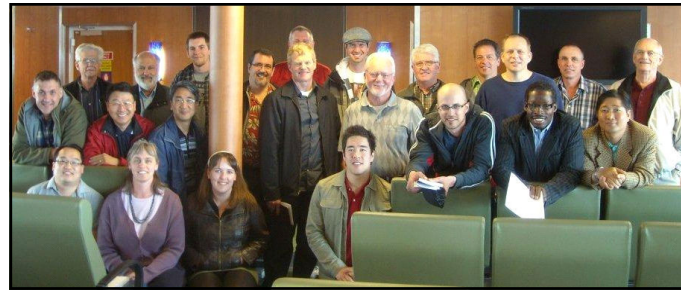
Pastor Rick McAllister joined in the Sunday celebration on his trumpet.

• **Namgyu (Heejoung) Lee** and the **Church of the Sent for Life Proclamation** had a dinner in the hopes of beginning a building fund to purchase a building for ministry—perhaps even the church they are now renting in Langley. Please pray for them in this step of faith, and for their vision for planting the International Centre for Culture Ministry.



Church of the Sent for Life Proclamation banquet in May.

• Tuesday, May 31 was a nice day for a cruise - **pastors’ cruise** that is. About two dozen pastors and church staff from around the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island met on BC Ferries for a time of professional development and fellowship with colleagues in ministry within the LPD. This time together



The LPD pastors’ cruise crew on May 31.

focused on sharing and praying with one another and encouragement in the process of ordination in the EFCC. It is always nice to have an opportunity to get together, to pray together and to encourage one another in our various ministries.

• On August 1-6, the Free Church Camp Association (under the LPD) will be holding **Camp Evergreen**, a camp for children ages 8-13 and also LTD (Leadership, Training and Discipleship) for youth. This camp has been operating since 1995, and ministers to families in our district churches and beyond. For information, please see their blogspot at <http://efccassoc.blogspot.com/> and please pray for the camping program this summer!

• **New Westminster EFC** had a farewell for **Pastor John Paeng** on May 29. John and his family have been dearly loved by the church family as they have walked together, and we pray for God’s continued guidance and work through the days ahead. Also, a farewell was held for former Church Chair, **Ed (Suni) Arinobu**, who are moving to Lethbridge, Alberta.



NWEFC Church Chair, John Crew with Ed and Suni Arinobu.