

April 20, 2012

Good Friday morning friends, *Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on news and items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.*

**Today**, Karen, Sarah and I travel to Alberta for the wedding of Karen's niece, Jolene. We look forward to this time with Karen's family, and though brief, we anticipate a special time together with them.

**Last weekend**, I joined with a team of people from our district in both refreshing our training in and later assessing two candidates for church planting in our district. This was a special time, and we will walk with these couples, as they continue their journey of faith and preparation for their work in God's Kingdom.

**Last Sunday**, I preached at the English service at **Richmond Chinese EFC**, and attended the Chinese service. It was a great time together. I am thankful for God's good work there.

*Please join me in praying for:*

- **Lorin and Jeanette Bergen**, as they transition towards their new ministry as Lead Pastor at **Fort Langley EFC**. They begin on May 1.
- **New Westminster EFC** met on Wednesday evening, and extended a united call to **Tim (Emily) Stewart** as their Lead Pastor. They are to begin their ministry on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are thankful for God's clear leading in this, and we value your prayers for all as they begin their ministry together!
- **Church Planting**. Please pray for **Stephen Leung**, as he seeks to lay a foundation for a Mandarin Church in our region, and our district board, as we consider him as a church planting missionary to facilitate this.
- Please pray for **Pastor Tom Hilchie** and the people of **Parkdale EFC**, as they gather Sunday afternoon to remember Jim Barss. Jim and his wife Pat served as pastor of Parkdale from 1992- 2000, and Jim passed away this week after a sudden heart attack. Please pray for Tom, as he conducts the service and ministers to Pat and the family. Jim and Pat's son Tim and daughter-in-law Erica were long-time members of Parkdale and have a daughter, Maryjane.
- Please pray for **Lea Little, for Dale, Ann Little** and family, and for the rest of the Little Clan, as they grieve the passing of **Louise**. I was glad to attend the memorial service on Wednesday, and am thankful for the lives and faithful ministry of Lea and Louise as missionaries, as past directors the EFCCM, and as those willing to serve where needed in the local church.

*Please remember:*

1. **Last call for the LPD/EFCC Pastor and staff Orientation - Monday, April 23** at the EFCC Office. This is a requirement for all who wish to be ordained the EFCC, and is a great intro to the EFCC/LPD for all.  
*Please see the attached info!*
2. **EFCC Church Planting Boot Camp - May 7-11** at TWS/ACTS Seminary. *Please see the attachment.*
3. **"The Cruise"** Our next **Pastors and Staff Ferry Cruise is planned for Wednesday, May 30**. Please mark your calendars for this day to fellowship and grow with fellow-servants from our district! We will also be introducing the proposal for revised ordination procedures in the EFCC, and seek your input and questions.

May God bless you and your ministry this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob