

May 18, 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.*

I trust that you have had a good week and are looking forward to Sunday. Though many will be away with the long weekend, God will continue his good work.

Our **Lower Pacific District Board** met last night, and we were pleased to approve **Stephen Leung as a Church Planting Missionary** with the LPD, along with some financial support, in partnership with ANACEFC (Association of North American Chinese Evangelical Free Churches). This will enable him to focus his energies in laying a foundation for a church plant for Mandarin-speaking immigrants to our region. He and his Core Team are now developing a church plant proposal for launching "**Grace EFC.**"



Stephen (3rd from left) and Core Team



Also last night, our Board was able to approve a "seed money" grant to assist **Jesus Is Our Salvation Church** to call **Pastor Emmanuel Macasaet (Noel)** to come and serve as an associate pastor, in partnership with **Pastor Jun Orino**. Pastor Noel will focus on the Chilliwack church plant/campus of the church. Welcome Pastor Noel! He hopes to return to Ontario to bring his family west in the weeks ahead.

Please remember the LPD in your church budgets and personal giving! We are pleased to share what we have with these new works of God and more!

This weekend, Karen and I look forward to joining **Pastor Randy and Allana Lemke**, and the people **Abbotsford EFC**, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary (the church—not Randy and Allana). This church has a rich history of ministry, both in the community and in sending people to serve globally. Pray for the church, as they launch into the second half of their century of service, and adapt to the opportunities of a changing community.

Please join me in praying for:

- ◆ **Abbotsford EFC**, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, and look to the Lord for the future.
- ◆ **Jesus Is Our Salvation Church**, as they step out in faith in calling **Pastor Emmanuel (Noel) Macasaet** to serve their Chilliwack Campus as a church planting pastor. Our LPD steps with them!
- ◆ **Stephen Leung** and team, as they ready to launch "**Grace Evangelical Free Church.**"

Please remember:

- ◆ "**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. *Please see the attachments!*

May God bless you and your ministry this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob