May 4, 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.

Last Saturday, I joined Pastor Ranjith (Priyantha) Perera and the people of New Life International Fellowship for their annual meeting. Over this past year, the church shifted from holding a regular Sunday service to more informal fellowships, yet maintains a great outreach to Sri Lankans in our region. We value your prayers as they continue to reach out to the 5000 Sri-Lankans in our region through the year ahead.

Last Sunday, I joined Pastor Dr. Paul Yang, and the people of Jubilee Chapel, where I preached, and also welcomed them into the LPD/EFCC Family. As you will recall, this Korean language church meets on the campus of ACTS Seminary, where Dr. Yang is Director of Worldview Studies in Korean at ACTS Seminary. It was great to enjoy their warm hospitality and great food!

This week, it was great to meet with Church Planter Stephen Leung and his core group on Tuesday evening, as they trust the Lord for the birth of Grace EFC, a church plant that will seek to reach out to Mandarin speaking immigrants in our region. We are proposing that he become a church planting missionary with the LPD as a next step of faith in this process.

This weekend, Karen and I head to Vancouver Island, where I will be speaking at a Men's Breakfast at Wildwood Community Church in Bowser on Saturday morning. This is a joint venture of Wildwood Community Church and Nanoose EFC. From there, we head on to Ucluelet, where we will meet with the people of Christ Community Church, and I am to preach on Sunday morning. We look forward to being there and to having time with Pastor Miles and Lorie White and family.

This week, please join me in praying for our Church Planting Boot Camp on May 7-11. More than 35 are registered to attend, and we look forward to identifying, equipping and sending the church planters God is raising up for work in his harvest field in the days ahead.

Please join me in praying for:

- Church Planting Boot Camp this week.
- New LPD Pastors Lorin and Jeanette Bergen (Fort Langley EFC) and Tim and Emily Stewart (New West).

Please remember:

- Mainland Pastor's Fellowship Bag Lunch. Tuesday, May 15 at Langley EFC. (see email from Evans for details)
- 2. "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 attachment!

May God bless you and your ministry this weekend!

In Jesus, Rob