

June 8, 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.



**Last Sunday**, Karen and I joined **Fort Langley EFC**, for the installation of **Lorin and Jeanette Bergen** as Lead Pastor. We are thankful for how God has led, and we look forward to God's continued fresh work in the days ahead.

**This Sunday**, Karen and I look forward to ministering at **Parkdale EFC in Victoria**, where I will have the opportunity to preach in a service that is honouring several graduates at the church. **Pastor Tom and Joyce Hilchie** have the opportunity to take a long-planned vacation to Europe, and we trust for a real time of refreshment for them.

Tonight, I look forward to joining a team of people who are the core of **Grace Evangelical Free Church**, a church plant that seeks to reach out to our growing Mandarin population. There are more than 200,000 Mandarin-speaking people in our region. I am attaching this month's newsletter from Stephen Leung, the church planting pastor. We have approved him as an LPD Church-Planting Missionary, and we are glad to be a support to what God is doing to reach our Mandarin-speaking neighbours. Please join us in praying for them.

*Please join me in praying for:*

- ◆ **Jesus Is Our Salvation Church**, as they have stepped out in faith in calling **Pastor Emmanuel (Noel) Macasaet** to serve their Chilliwack Campus as a church planting pastor. He is travelling to Ontario to bring his family out west to begin their ministry. Already, Pastor Noel, and church leaders Charlz and Ruth have had opportunity to meet with the mayor of Chilliwack, and to pray for her.
- ◆ **Pastor Randy and Allana Lemke**, and the people of **Abbotsford "Abby" EFC**, as they have their annual meeting on Sunday evening, and having just celebrated their church's 50th anniversary, look to the Lord for his plans for their future.
- ◆ **Stephen Leung** and team, as they ready to launch "**Grace Evangelical Free Church.**" Please see his attached newsletter, as a LPD Church Planting Missionary.
- ◆ **Philip and Grace Yung**, as they, ANACEFC, the LPD, the EFCC and Ambassador Church (an EFCA Church in Brea California, where Philip and Grace will train in a residency program, in preparation to launch an International Church in our region.
- ◆ **Johnston Heights Church. Lead Pastor, Justin (Sue) Dennison** will be completing their public ministry at Johnston Heights this Sunday. Your prayers will be appreciated, as both the church leadership and Justin and Sue will be seeking the Lord for the future.
- ◆ We give thanks with **Steve and Jodi Doerksen of White Rock Community Church**, for the safe arrival of **Matteo Karten James Doerksen** on May 26, and to **Jon and Ang Thiessen of Johnston Heights**, for the safe arrival of **Luke Matix Thiessen** on May 28.

*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, and the opportunities are stretching us!*

May God bless you and your ministry this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob