

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 write this letter late night/early morning from the BC Ferry, the Queen of Alberni, on my way home from the Ordination Council for Jake (Laura) Hron, and a meeting with the leadership of Central EFC. It has been a good, but also long day. A special thanks Tom (Joyce) Hillstrand pastorschie, and other , Ben (Anna) Crumback, Rick (Sandy) McAllister, Steve (Gillian) Sharpe, Miles (Lorie) White and Chris (Verna) Wilson, and also to host pastor, Dave (Lydia) Koleba, who travelled to Courtenay to support (and grill) Jake today. Thanks also to the people of Central EFC, who both hosted us, and also participated in the council.



Please pray for Jake and Laura, as they step forward in ministry by both concluding their ministry at Central EFC, and look to the Lord for their next pastoral assignment. (Jake, Laura, Isaiah and Zoe photo on right). *Oh yes, we unanimously recommended Jake for ordination in the EFCC!*



Last Sunday, it was a joy to visit two district churches. In the morning, I spoke at White Rock Community Church for their two services, and in the afternoon, I was with Pastor Sammy and Eva Kabyemera, and the people of Jesus Grace International Church in Vancouver. Thank you, to those of you who have been reaching out to Church Chair, Andrew Mutuma, (photo on left) who is trusting the Lord to be able to bring his family to Canada from Kenya this week.

This Saturday, I look forward to joining Pastor Ranjith (Priyantha) Perera, and the people of New Life International Church for their annual meeting. We are thankful for this outreach to our Sri Lankan neighbours, and we pray for a fruitful ministry in the year ahead.

This Sunday, I look forward to joining Allen (Hannah) Chang , and the people of Richmond Chinese EFC, for their English service, where I am to be speaking, and then to join Pastor Anthony (Kate) Yeung. Pastor Stella (Otto) Wan and Apprentice Pastor Ho Yin (Joey) Kwok for the Chinese service to follow.

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God sightings and prayer:

- * *Please pray for Burnaby Chinese EFC, as the congregation will meet to affirm the call of Grace Chang to the position of Children's Pastor. May God guide and confirm his leading for all.*
- * *Please pray for Senior Pastor searches at Vancouver Chinese EFC and Burnaby Chinese EFC.*
- * *Please pray for the annual meeting of New Life International Church on Saturday AM.*

⇒ May 6-10 - EFCC Church Planting Boot Camp at ACTS Seminary. This is a great week for all who have an interest in church planting as planter , as a host or mother church or as a part of a church planting team. This can also be taken for credit at TWS/ACTS. Please see the brochure at: <https://acts.twu.ca/about/cpbc-brochure2013a.pdf>

⇒ EFCC Theological Summit, May 14 & 15 at Okotoks EFC, Okotoks, AB. The theme is "Men and Women in Ministry." Please see attachment !

⇒ Tuesday, May 28. LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise. Please set this day aside for a day with your colleagues and friends in the Lower Pacific District from both the Mainland and the Islands. Please see the attached info!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

Have you checked out the **LPD on Facebook**? We invite you to become a friend. Just click on the icon, and watch for updates!



Here are a few summer mission opportunities for coming alongside a sister church in our district.

- **Raise the roof at Sointula Community Church** (Malcolm Island). The church would welcome a team to come and install a new roof on their church—supply and install would be even better. Their resources of both people and money are limited.



- **Camp Evergreen, August 5-10** -this camp is affiliated with our **Lower Pacific District**, provides a quality Christian camp experience for children and leadership training for youth. Follow-up of campers through your local church is natural! For more info, please visit the website at: <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>

- **International Churches in our LPD.** On Sundays, there eight or more languages spoken in our LPD Churches. Please visit our website for info on churches and consider visiting a Chinese-speaking, Korean-speaking or even a Swahili-speaking church one Sunday. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>



- Is your church doing DVBS this summer? Why not also take it on the road. Several youth groups have taken DVBS programs to Island Churches, or have worked in partnership with other churches.

Please contact our office for more info on these opportunities: