

Our LPD: "By God's grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ."

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



What's God Up To In Our LPD Family? When we say, "it is a small world," we express how amazed we are at how we meet people with whom we are connected in ways that we never realized - we meet a friend of a friend in Paris, or a distant relative we never knew we had.

When **Kim Holbrook** from our **North Delta EFC** (whom I have known from birth as her pastor) went to Kenya on a short-term mission to assist in an orphanage, she had no idea that this would lead to her marrying **Henry Ngugi**, a Kenyan Christian musician, rapper and evangelist. Married in Kenya, Henry and Kim came to Canada for Henry to pursue theological studies.

Recently, they began to attend **New Westminster EFC**, and recently welcomed their son **Mischael** into the world and their family. The church, in financial partnership with our LPD has recently called Henry and Kim to serve as pastoral interns. That our district is prepared to invest in this means much more than assisting the church with their budget. We are convinced that Henry and Kim will be used of God to increase the impact of New West EFC to reach their community and young families for Christ.

This Sunday, I have the opportunity to participate in the installation of **Henry and Kim** at **New West EFC**, and will value your prayers as they officially begin their ministry there, alongside **Pastor Tim (Emily) Stewart**. Pray that the church might seize this opportunity that God has given and, under Christ's Lordship, unite to live and share the good news in the community of New Westminster and south Burnaby.

Please join us in praying for Coquitlam Chinese Evangelical Free Church - our LPD Church of the Week. Pray for Senior Pastor, **Ting Pong (Melanie) So**, and for **Pastor Ranjith Perera** of New Life International Fellowship (our Sri Lankan church), who is assisting with the English ministry. Pray for the church, as they seek to minister in the changing community of Port Coquitlam.

Coquitlam Chinese EFC
LPD Church of the Week

Please pray for Coquitlam Chinese EFC, and for Pastor Ting Pong (Melanie) So:

English Ministry:
Pastor Ranjith Perera & English congregation, for spiritual growth in this ministry

Children's Ministry:
Worship, Choir

Young Parent Ministry:
Sunday school & that the gospel would reach the community

Church Board:
For God's guidance to the Pastors & Deacons as they lead the church

Three small circular images showing church activities: a group of people, a person in prayer, and a group of people.

Please also pray for:

- **EFCC Leadership Catalyst Dan (June) Nicholson**, as he and the **Lead-Beyond Team** (on which I participate) launch our initiative to apprentice a new generation of leaders for EFCC Churches and the Kingdom. You will hear more about this initiative in the weeks ahead and on the upcoming Pastor and Staff Cruise.
- **LPD Churches**, as they launch, kick-off and start up for a new season.
- **Campus Pastor Matt and Val Myers** and the people of the **Clayton Campus of Langley EFC**, as they relaunch the ministry of the Clayton Heights Campus.
- **EFCCM Personnel Director, Wade (Adele) Hammond**, as he recovers from surgery.
- **Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson** of **Lethbridge EFC**, as Connie battles cancer.
- **ANACEFC (Association of North American Chinese Evangelical Free Churches)** annual conference at Vancouver Chinese EFC, September 23-25. Pray for our Chinese churches and leaders, as they look to the Lord to be effective in generations to come.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **LPD Pastors and Staff Cruise - Wednesday, October 28.**
- **Holy Sexuality Conference - November 7 at Fort Langley EFC.** Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this timely workshop on biblically ministering in our times. **Here is the link to the online brochure:** <http://www.flefc.org/events/holy-sexuality-conference-with-dr-christopher-yuan>

We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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