

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

April 29, 2016

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?

For some time, the communities of Port Alberni and Steveston have been on my heart. Once known for fishing, both communities have had to find their ways as the fishing fleet has been reduced over the years. With the decline of the communities has come the decline of local churches. Now, as there is revitalization in Steveston and to a lesser degree in Port Alberni, there is a growing spiritual need. Through what we believe are God-initiated events, church plants in both communities are possibilities and we are working with God to these ends. Please pray with us as we move forward and continue to seek the Lord, and please consider partnering with us as we seek to financially support these upcoming church plants and their planters. (please see below for info)



Last weekend I travelled to Chilliwack, to preach and welcome **New Living Assembly** into our LPD Family. Please pray for **Pastor Noel and Lynda Macasaet** and the church family, as they continue to reach out to recent immigrants from the Philippines. Please also pray for church planting apprentices, **Charlz and Ruth Sebastian**, as they assist with a Bible Study in Hope.



This Sunday, I look forward to speaking at **Fort Langley EFC**, as a part of their series on the Book of Acts, "Acts: Spirit. Church Mission."

Please pray for:

- Grace EFC in Richmond, our LPD Church of the Week
- E4H Church Planting Training at ACTS on May 13-16. This is open to all, and is foundational to all who seek to serve in church planting in any capacity.
- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Port Alberni, as we explore God's leading for a church plant as well.
- God's fresh work and revitalization in those district churches that are needing to "reverse" their lifecycle.

GRACE EFC
LPD CHURCH OF THE WEEK

Prayer requests: Pray for the wisdom, oneness and discernment of leaders.
Pray for the development of the Children's Ministry.
Pray for the growth and maturity of GEFC.

Praise points: Praise that God's grace has been sufficient for the past four years.
Praise for the Kamloops Chinese EFC brothers and sisters coming to Richmond to worship with us.
Praise for new visitors and new believers coming to GEFC each week.
Praise for the joy, unity and participation of the members.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **E4H - Discipleship through Church Planting - May 13-16 - Here is the link: <http://efccm.ca/pdfs/2016E4Hbrochure.pdf>**
- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT - Please do not panic.** The Act comes into force on November 28, 2016. Societies (that includes churches) cannot transition before this date, and afterwards, there is a two year (November 28, 2016 - November 26, 2018) period for existing societies to come into compliance with the new Act. **We will be providing resources along the way! Please check our LPD website, where we will be posting resources under the "Administration Resources" tab. Watch for a workshop in September!**
- **June 1 - LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise! Please register at: <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>**
- **Camp Evergreen, August 1-6, 2016 at Camp Charis.** This is the "official" camp for the Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. Camp Evergreen is also a member of the BC Camping Association. The beauty of this excellent camp is that it can be an extension of the ministry of your local church, and follow up of campers can also be done through your local church. <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>
- **EFCC National Conference, August 4-6 2016, at Fort Langley EFC.**

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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