

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

May 13, 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?

**This Sunday**, Karen and I look forward to joining Tim and Emily and the church family at New West EFC, as we present the certificate of EFCC Ministry Credential to **Pastor Intern Henry Ngugi (Kim)**. Henry is from Kenya, and his wife Kim is grew up in our North Delta EFC. They met when Kim went over to Kenya on a short term mission, and were married there.

Henry has been a musician in Kenya, and found a lot of success in "rap" music. Through this, he found his way into "Christian Rap," even though he was not yet a believer. Henry describes his conversion this way,

*I moved to Nairobi to pursue music. It came to my attention that gospel music was in the market more than secular music and so I decided to do gospel music. I moved from church to church and in many different schools performing gospel music but not born again at the time. One day while watching a music video on television, I gave my life to Christ. The song was titled 'J.E.S.U.S' and it presented my whole life before me. It revealed to me how merciful, loving and caring God had been to me and all I had been in return was rebellious, sneaky, and stubborn towards Him. My neighbor who was a Christian led me to the Lord. The irony is, that song was my own composition and recording! God works in mysterious ways for what I only spoke off without a personal commitment to the Lord was used of God to lead me to a surrendered life to Christ.*

God is at work, even when we do not see it! Henry is now studying theology in Canada, as he interns at our New Westminster EFC. We look forward to how God will guide Henry, Kim and their son Mishael in the future. They return to Kenya tomorrow, for a short term mission and visit with family, and will value our prayers as they go.

Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant **two more churches this year**. Please see our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. **Gifts can now be made via PayPal to various projects above. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.**

### **Please pray for: Coquitlam Chinese Evangelical Free Church in Port Coquitlam, our LPD Church of the Week**

- Friday through Monday, I will be joining about 30 others at the EFCC E4H Church Planting Training at ACTS. This is open to all, and is foundational to all who seek to serve in church planting in any capacity. Pray for those attending - we trust that some of these will be planting churches in our area!
- 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.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), on their short-term mission to Kenya, beginning May 16.
- Alberta churches ministering to those displaced by the Fort McMurray fire. (see email for how you can help!)



The graphic features two photographs of church services. The top photo shows a group of people in a church setting. The bottom photo shows a group of people at a table, possibly during a meal or service. Text boxes on the right provide praise items and prayer requests.

**Praise Items:**

- Thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to distribute over 600 New Testaments within the last 6 months through our outreach programs
- Praise for the opportunity to witness to the community
- Praise for the interest shown by newcomers in Christianity

**Coquitlam Chinese EFC** LPD Church of the Week

**Prayer Requests:**

- For outreach programs in the summer
- Growth of the English/multicultural ministry
- For the Lord's direction and guidance for the English ministry
- For young adult ministry and discipleship program

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT** - 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.**

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May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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