

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

September 23, 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?

On Thursday, it was a pleasure to travel to the Island, to meet with LPD Island(s) pastors and wives. It was a special day, and I greatly value the time and effort made by Island pastors to gather together.

It was a a day to welcome Tim and Emily Stewart to Parkdale EFC, and Nori and Shelly to Port Alberni. It was also a day to pray for and to say farewell to Nathan and Amber Kinsey, who are transitioning from Quadra Island Bible Church and will be seeking the Lord for their next assignment.

We are thankful for each of our eight island churches, church plant and their pastors and leaders. Please pray for them, as they sometimes minister in some isolation and in communities with limited employment for families.

Thanks to **Ben and Anna Crumback** for leading us and for their part on the LPD Board as island Liaison, and thanks to **Chris and Verna Wilson** and the people of **Nanose EFC** for hosting us all!



Other LPD News:

This week, our district board was pleased to give approval to the proposal for the Steveston Church Planting Project, and also for a draft working budget. Gifts can not be given to this project through our LPD Office by mail, or (as of Tuesday), through our LPD website. Please pray for Allen and Hannah Chang, Daniel and Joyce Wong, Steve and Gillian Sharpe and team as they venture forward by faith in what we are convinced that God has called them to. Pray for them and for Steveston!

Your partnership with us in church planting through prayer and finances does enable us in turn partner with churches and these 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 LPD Church Planting Projects through our LPD Website. Please check under the "Designated Gifts" tab. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Last Sunday, it was a joy for Karen and me to travel to Sointula, to minister with Ben and Anna at Sointula Community Church. It was also great to bring Nori and Shelly Anderson along, and to share time as we travelled.

This Sunday, I look forward to ministering at Vancouver Chinese EFC, where I will be speaking in the English Service.

Pray also for:

- **Brian and Mary Crumback**, parents of Ben (Anna) Crumback of Sointula Community Church Brian has surgery to remove a brain tumor on Monday, and is anticipated to undergo chemotherapy in the weeks ahead. We are thankful that the surgery went very well. Brian and Mary have served for many years with the North American Indian Mission.
 - **Quadra Island Bible Church**, as they confirm a transitional pastor to begin in November.
 - **Christ Community Church**, as they seek an interim pastor.
 - **New Westminster EFC**, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
 - **Nori and Shelly Anderson**, church planters in in **Port Alberni**.
 - **Steveston/South Richmond**. Pray for the leadership team of **Steve and Gillian Sharpe**, **Allen and Hannah Chang**, and **Daniel and Joyce Wong**, as they prayerfully prepare for this in the months ahead.
- **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. Please check our LPD website, where we posted new resources this week - a FAQ from the Law for Non Profits - under the "Administration Resources" tab. Please check the link to the government website on our district website. Watch for a template to be provided by our district as we prepare for the change as well.

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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