

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

November 25, 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?

#### **What's it like to become church planters?**

It all begins with a sense of calling from God - a burden and compassion for the people of a community. We then take these people through our Assessment, our BootCamp (E4) and provide Coaching. Our district then makes the people "faith employees" as church planting missionaries. We send them to lead church planting projects.

**Then the hard part begins.** As the Lord enables, the church planters moved to the community and begins the task of gathering a Core Team and begins the process of "pre-launch." Part 2 of the hard part is to raise support. As "faith employees," we set a salary, but the provision of this salary is as God provides through his people - both churches and individuals.

Nori and Shelly Anderson have relocated to Port Alberni as LPD Church Planting Missionaries, and already they have begun to meet in their home on Sundays with a gathering of local folks. They are calling themselves "Hope Community Church," and they are trusting the Lord to grow and to reach people for Him.

**Nori and Shelly invite us to join them in their step of faith, and to enable them to devote more time to this work of the Lord.** To join their support team, please see the info below. To receive their prayer updates, "Port Alberni Impact," please email them at [nori.shelley@gmail.com](mailto:nori.shelley@gmail.com)



Your partnership with our Lower Pacific District and church plants through prayer and finances is appreciated. Thank you! Gifts can now be made via PayPal to LPD or to Church Planting Projects through our LPD Website. Please check "Donate" on the LPD website main page and under the "Designated Gifts" tab to donate to church plants. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

**Last week,** it was a joy to minister at North Delta EFC, where I pastored from 1985 - 2002. We are thankful for the ministry of Pastor Mark and Tami Johnson there, along with Stewart Warnock, who ministers to youth. This week, I look forward to joining Pastor Dr. Paul Yang (JinGyung) and the people of Jubilee Chapel, where I will preach. Jubilee Chapel is a Korean Church that meets at ACTS Seminary of TWU Campus.

**"Kabyemera Christmas Fund"** - assist the Kabyemera family be reunited for Christmas. We can participate in bringing son Israel, his wife Adyeri and their son Joshua home for Christmas and life in Canada. Benevolent non- tax receiptable gifts can be made through our LPD website under "Designated Giving."



#### **Please Pray for:**

- New Westminster EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.
- LPD Churches, as we prepare for the opportunities and ministries of Advent and Christmas.
- Please pray for Pastor Noel and Lynda Macasaet, and for New Living Assembly, our LPD Church of the Week. *Pastor Noel and Lynda are on a short-term mission to the Philippines, and they will value your prayers.*
- Quadra Island Bible Church, as they seek a transitional pastor.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in Port Alberni.
- Christ Community Church, and their search for a pastor.
- New Westminster EFC, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
- Please pray for Ben and Anna, for Anna as she recovers from minor surgery, and for Ben's parents, Brian and Mary Crumback, as he undergoes chemotherapy and radiation to treat a brain tumor.
- 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. Please check our LPD website, where we have posted resources - under the "Administration Resources" tab. Pastor and church chairs, please see the letter with steps for transition that was sent from our district this week. Our LPD plans to register immediately on Nov. 28 and we will share our experience and advice with you!

**Upcoming Dates:** LPD Conference - March 10,11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church.

**May God bless and keep you through this weekend!**

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

