

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

February 10, 2017

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? Last Sunday, I had the joy of attending and speaking at the 24th anniversary celebration of Coquitlam Chinese EFC.

As this church was planted it purchased the building of what had been Port Coquitlam EFC. This church had struggled for many years, and seemed incapable of adapting to the changing population of Port Coquitlam.

Coquitlam Chinese EFC was planted with the intention of reaching out to Cantonese-speaking immigrants from Hong Kong, as the repatriation of Hong Kong was looming in 1997.

A lot has changed since 1993 and 1997. Current Chinese immigrants are most likely Mandarin-speaking, and as many of the children comprising the English ministry have grown up, this ministry needs to reach beyond the families of those attending.

God has been working at Coquitlam Chinese EFC. In recent months, Pastor Ting Pong (Melanie) So retired after more than 20 years of faithful ministry. They remain in the church and are glad to serve. God has provided Pastor Keith (Hazel) Kwok to lead the church, and Pastor Ranjith (Priyantha) Perera have been serving in the English Ministries. We are thankful for God bringing these servants to the church. Who would have thought that Sri-Lankan Canadian (Ranjith) would find himself ministering in a Chinese Church. Also, Pastor Kwok and volunteers will be introducing a Mandarin outreach too.

Please pray for Coquitlam Chinese EFC, as they set their sails for the new opportunities that God is bring to them in Port Coquitlam.



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/>

Please Pray for: Central EFC, our LPD Church of the Week. Pray for Pastor Ron and Lydia Koleba, Pastor Jeremy and Lauren Boehm, their families and the church family too,

- Central Church in Courtenay BC has been welcoming new members, and serving in the community and local schools, while caring for an aging congregational family through a season of much sickness. Please remember our health in your prayers, and our outreach to our friends and neighbours.

Pray also for:

- Dan Nicholson, our EFCC Leadership Catalyst, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- Josephine Papp, as she serves as our LPD Office Administrator.
- Christ Community Church, as they prepare to invite a pastoral candidate.
- Quadra Island Bible Church, in their time of pastoral transition.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in in Port Alberni, as they launch Hope Community Church.
- New Westminster EFC, as Ralph and Karen Hardy serve as interim pastor.
- 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.
- Pray for me (Rob), as I minister at Grace EFC on Sunday. Pray for Pastor Bruce and Hanna Li, for Interim Pastor Philip and Karen Yung and for the church family.

Upcoming Dates:

- **LPD Conference** - March 10,11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church. Please look for info on our LPD website. You can also register online!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend and through the week ahead!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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