



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Fall 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support for our family and City Baptist Church as we partner with you to lift up Christ in Vancouver. This Fall season has been a wonderful reminder of the fact that God is in control, and that He will build His church in His way, and in His timing. Over the last few months we have seen our weekly attendance grow to the point where it would be rare for us to have under fifty for a service. While it has been great to see our core develop and grow numerically and spiritually, more importantly, we are excited to report that four people accepted Christ as their Saviour in just the last few months.

Three of those were teenage boys that were reached by the faithful outreach efforts of Ryan Holmes. He has been coaching basketball and doing whatever he can to reach some teens, and it was amazing to see his two year effort be used by God in this way. Please pray for these three young men, one of them is in discipleship already and growing in Christ, the other two have experienced resistance because of their decision, but we are praying that God will open a way for them to continue to grow in their faith. While we are thankful for these victories, please continue to pray for several regular attenders who are still not saved, we are asking God that each of them would see their need for salvation through Christ.



The best picture of our family :) for the 2nd Anniversary of City Baptist.



Missionary Phil Lien preaching at our first World Missions Conference.

September 11th was an exciting day for our church as we celebrated our 2nd anniversary. It was a great time of celebration and thankfulness, as well as vision for the future of God's work here in Vancouver. We are so blessed by what God is doing, and we are looking forward to even greater things in the years to come. Church planting is not a sprint, but a marathon, and we are thankful God is allowing us to be a part of the long-term ministry of establishing a church in this needy part of our world.

October was a busy month of ministry beginning with hosting our first Missions Conference at City Baptist. Missionary Phil Lien to Indonesia



Q&A with our missionary families during the Missions Conference banquet.

was our conference speaker, and we were blessed to have the Nibbe family to Romania as our guest missionaries. Both of these families have ties to our sending church, Greater Vancouver Baptist Church, and it was great for our church to experience the long term fruit that comes from remaining faithful to what God has led us to do.

The preaching was right on point, and our church family responded in an incredible way through our first Faith Promise commitment. It was a humbling experience to see new believers make sacrificial commitments to support the work of God through missions. As a church, we are excited about playing a greater roll by supporting those going to foreign fields as representatives of our young church.

We are always looking for new ways to share the Gospel and our church with our city, and this October, we had the unique opportunity to serve our community through a fireworks show at a local elementary school on October 31st. The school administration allowed us to serve hot chocolate and give out church invitations before the fireworks began. We were uncertain what to expect, but surprised as nearly 500 people came to the event. We served 350 cups of hot chocolate and gave out every church invitation that we had brought. Overall, it was a great event with a lot of positive feedback.

Looking ahead, we are again hosting our community Christmas photo event on December 10th. This year we are expecting a great turnout as we have some local organizations promoting it for us with the families that they work with. We are praying that we will be able to connect many people with the Gospel and our church through this important outreach opportunity.

We thank you for your prayers and love for our family and church, and we are looking forward to what God has planned for us in the coming months. Please continue to lift up City Baptist, that God would continue to build His Church here in Vancouver.

Your Friends,

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Maximus, Myles & Owen



People lining up for hot chocolate before the fireworks display.

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