



# REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

## The Conner Family / Summer 2016

### Dear Praying Friends,

We would like to begin by thanking each of you for your prayers and support for our family these past few months. This Summer has been an incredibly busy and challenging season as God continues to mature and teach our family and His church here in Vancouver. We are thankful that we have seen one young girl saved recently. She is the daughter of the lady who accepted Christ in the Spring. Please pray for her as she is now growing in Christ and learning how to be a witness to others as well.

In June, we had the opportunity to be involved in a teen camp in Washington state. Paul was the main speaker for the week, and Jenette was also able to speak to the girls during a morning session. We are thankful that 12 teenagers accepted Christ that week, and amazed to see God call several young people to serve Him the ministry.

One of the highlights this season has been how God used our community outreach BBQ to share God's love to our neighbourhood. Even though the day began with some heavy rain, we saw the skies clear and by our start time the neighbourhood began to arrive in a unique way. We really give God the praise that we saw over 450 people from the community attend this outreach event. Over and over we were able to have meaningful, connecting conversations with families and singles from the

community. During the event, we were able to give out 300 personal invitations to our service the next day. God certainly blessed with 20 first time guests for the next Sunday's service.

Although not everyone we connect with is open towards the idea of a new church in the area, we are thankful that many people are receptive and even thankful for the effort that our church family is making to magnify Jesus in our community through these outreach events and our regular weekly connections in the community.



Joe & Sammi were reached through the BBQ last year, now serving!



Community Outreach BBQ with over 450 from the neighbourhood.



City Baptist volunteer workers for the outreach event.

For the last two weeks in July, our family was once again privileged to serve at Camp YES! Both Paul and Jenette were blessed to serve in leadership roles during the weeks of camp. It was a blessing to see several saved, as well as many decisions made for Christ through the preaching services. We are so thankful for God providing the money for our sending church to purchase the camp ground, and we are looking to many years ahead of God working in the lives of Canadian young people.

In the week following camp, we once again had an opportunity to serve our community through a water street outreach event. We were able to give out several hundred waters, along with church invitations in just a short time. We are thankful that we have had one lady be faithful to church every week since that outreach.



Camp YES! Teen Week campers.



Myles helping with our water outreach on Hastings St.

This August has been busy in preparation for the coming Fall season, as well as a time for some rest with our family. On August 24th, Linla and Linda headed back to WCBC for their final year, please pray for them as they are seeking God's will once they complete their studies.

The Summer has been busy with outreach, discipleship, and weekly ministry, and we are thankful for the advances we have seen, and the lessons that we have learned. We are still amazed that God would choose to use us in this incredibly needy city. Please continue to pray for our family, City Baptist, and those we have connected with in the community throughout this Summer. Our desire is that God would continue open more doors for us to see souls saved, and Christians growing in Christ.



Two out of three heading back to college :)

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