



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Winter 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

We first of all have to apologize about the time that has passed since our last update letter to you. Needless to say, the last few months have been busy with ministry here in Vancouver, as well as navigating some unexpected challenges along the way.

The Fall season was a great point in time for City Baptist Church as we celebrated our 5th anniversary as a church family. The entire celebration weekend was such a blessing as we remembered God's goodness and provision since launching in 2014. Pastor Ryan Thompson from Newport Beach, CA was our guest speaker and was such an encouragement to our family and church. It was also a blessing to set a record attendance in church that Sunday, with many unsaved people in attendance.



Pastor Ryan Thompson preaching during our 5th anniversary celebration.

Since that special weekend of praise and celebration, we have seen a constant flow of first time guests, several saved, others enrolled in our discipleship program and several showing interest in joining with us in membership. There has also been a clear spirit of renewed spiritual focus and growth within the church.

This was particularly seen during our Missions Emphasis over three weeks. During this time we were able to host two families planting churches in Washington State, and hear from our current missionaries that we support. The Lord really used these services to renew our passion for world evangelism, and as a church not only did we reach over 100% of our commitment from the year before, but it was also exciting to see our Faith Promise commitment increase by 60% over the previous year. We are so thankful for a body of believers that has a vision and passion for what God can do outside of our neighbourhood.



A picture from a Fall Young Adults event City Baptist Hosted in a local community centre.

As with your church and family, our Christmas season was a blessed time of worshipping the Saviour with special Christmas services and gathering times. Personally it was a blessing to have our entire extended family in Vancouver for Christmas, something that has not happened for over five years.

Please continue to faithfully pray for City Baptist Church and our family. We are so grateful for God continuing to grow His church and for the incredible stories of change in Christ that are only possible through His grace and seen in the local church. Our desire is to be willing and available vessels for God to do even more in our spiritually needy city.

Would you please join with us in praying fervently for a larger facility to worship in each week. Our contract is up for renewal in February with the Tap Dance Studio that we have been in since the beginning. We are asking the Lord to do something special in opening a door for our future. We are open to staying and are pursuing some solutions to expand our seating capabilities, but at the same time we have also been looking at some new spaces without much success.

We know and are confident of God's call to the city, and we are praying for Him to reveal His will for us in His timing. Would you pray with us for His will to be done and some clarity be given to us for the steps He would have us take in the year to come.

We want to wish you a Happy New Year, and thank you for your faithful prayers and support, you are making a difference in Vancouver!

Your friends,

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Maximus, Myles, Owen & Royal



Family photo from Christmas 2019. Please continue to pray for Linla & Linda.

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