

REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Fall 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your consistent prayers and financial support for our family and City Baptist Church. The last few months have been filled with victory, frustration, joy, fear and more! Basically, the normal emotional roller coaster of church planting. Yet through it all, God has been good, and we are excited to share with you what has been happening.



A service during Camp YES! 2017.

After our last update, we immediately headed into two back to back weeks of serving at Camp YES! Both weeks we were encouraged to see many decisions made, including one teenager from City Baptist accepting Christ as His Saviour. We are blessed to be able to serve in this important ministry each summer, and we look forward to seeing the future fruit as God continues the work he started in the lives of those young people at camp.

Throughout the month of August we spent a lot of time focusing on our community outreach. Through our door to door outreach, street outreach, and getting involved in community events and neighbourhood cleanups, we saw a steady stream of guests each week

in church. And overall our attendance has been rising through the Summer and Early Fall.

Also in the month of August, we said goodbye to our foster daughter Linla, as she headed to China for a year to teach English and be involved in ministry. While our family misses her, we are thankful for her heart to serve the Lord. We were also able to spend a week of family holiday, which was a nice time to reconnect and relax after a busy summer of ministry. We are so thankful for our children, who love serving with a good attitude.





On September 10th, City Baptist Church celebrated our 3rd anniversary in Vancouver! We are so thankful for the way that God has worked, and how He has built His church in that time. Anniversaries are always a good time to reflect, and we were able to do that with our church family, and core team, who began this journey with us over 3 years ago. It really was a special day as we praised God for the past, and looked forward to God's future for our church. As we look to the future, we ask that you pray for wisdom for us, as we really need to make some decisions regarding our meeting space. We are very close to maxing out the space, and

some decisions need to be made if we are to maintain the pace of growth God has been giving.

While we are thankful for the growth we have seen, we were again blessed to put our focus on

world missions during our second Missions Conference on October 5-8. Three missionary families joined us for the conference, and it was so encouraging to see our church family respond generously by almost doubling our commitment from the previous year. It was humbling to see both new and mature believers sacrifice financially with a vision for reaching the lost around around the world.

As we look ahead, please continue to pray for our Fall outreach efforts, as we have another opportunity to connect with hundreds during our fireworks outreach event and as we prepare for the Christmas season. Thank you for your love and kindness to our family, it is making a difference as we work to make a difference for Christ in Vancouver.

Totalling our Faith Promise commitments during our 2017 Missions Conference.

Your Friends.

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