



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / January 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Our family would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. We are so thankful for your prayer and financial support for us and City Baptist Church as we represent you here in Vancouver. Since our last update, God has been doing an amazing work, and we are excited to share with you how He has been working in His church plant.

Since our community BBQ in early September we have consistently seen new guests to our services almost every week. It has been a blessing to see our weekly attendance grow from a weekly average in the mid thirties to now an average in the high forties each week. As well, in the last month we have had three services with over fifty in attendance and God is continuing to bring new people every week. Please be in prayer for the many new attenders and those learning what it means to follow Christ in their daily walk. There are several regular attenders who are not saved and others that need to follow the Lord in Baptism. Please keep these in your prayers as we do our best to disciple, and help them learn to honour God with their lives.



A recent service at City Baptist with 52 in attendance.



Pictures from the completed basement renovation.

The last few months have been extremely busy with not only the week to week ministry and outreach opportunities, but also the completion of the renovation of the studio's basement. For over two months, our church family, friends, and volunteers have worked tirelessly to complete a project that at some times felt too big for our new church. However, God came through for us both in labour and finances. On Sunday, December 6th we hosted the grand opening of our completed children's classroom, meeting and office space. You could feel the excitement of our church family as our kids cut the ribbon on a big step forward for our church. We are praising God for His provision, and we are looking forward to seeing this space be used to reach many young people with the Gospel. We are so grateful to all of the churches who gave to help us complete this project, we certainly would not have been able to complete it without your help.



City Baptist group at the Marriage Retreat in November.

Even though we were in the middle of the renovation work, our family and church was able to participate in other ministry opportunities. It was an honour for Paul to again preach at the NorthWest Youth Conference in Portland, Oregon. This is a conference that he grew up attending, and it really is a privilege to participate as one of the speakers. Also in November, we were able to attend a Marriage Retreat with our sending church in Whistler, BC. We enjoyed fellowship with the six couples from our church, as well as helpful teaching from the conference speaker.

During the Christmas season, City Baptist Church had several different opportunities to reach out to our community, including providing gifts and food for a needy family in our neighbourhood that we were made aware of

through a local organization. As well, on December 19th, we hosted our second community Christmas photo event for our neighbourhood. It was a blessing to see our church rally together and minister to families from throughout our neighbourhood. Christmas Eve was an opportunity to host our first candlelight Christmas family service for the community, it was great to have several guests from the photo event come to this service, please pray for those that attended as we are following up with them this month.

As we look back over the last few months it is amazing to see what God has done in and through our young church. It is just a consistent reminder that God does love our city, and there are still many people that He desires us to take the Gospel too. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our family, as we represent Christ in this needy city of Vancouver.

Your Friends,

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Our family at the City Baptist Christmas photo event.

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