



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Vancouver, BC Canada / July 2014

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Thank you again for your prayers and kindness to our family since our last update letter in May. The last two months have been a busy time of planning and preparation for the launch of City Baptist Church on September 7th. While there are still many challenges ahead of us, we are thankful for the progress that we have been able to make over the last two months.



One of three City Baptist Church informational meetings in May and June.

On May 27th we began a series of general informational meetings about City Baptist Church. The purpose of these meetings was to give our family an opportunity to share the vision, and give those interested the opportunity to partner with us as we develop our launch team for September. We have been encouraged and blessed by the turnout of those interested in helping, and we are looking forward to seeing how God is going to build this committed group of people.

On June 4th our family drove to California for ten days. During our trip we had the opportunity to present our call to

Vancouver to a church on Sunday, June 9th, as well as connect with many of our current supporting pastors at the Spiritual Leadership Conference in Lancaster, California. This year, the conference theme was focused on the renewal of our hearts and lives through our relationship with God. There were many helpful sessions on church planting, evangelism and our personal walk with the Lord, all timely themes during this transitional time for our family.

In the second half of June, God opened a door for Paul to preach a youth camp in Washington State. We are thankful for the Holy Spirit's work during that week, and are excited that eight young people made a decision to accept Christ. There were also several who surrendered to full time ministry, and many more who made decisions to stand strong for the Lord no matter what situations or temptations they may be facing. Any opportunity to speak is a privilege, and the week of camp was certainly a great blessing to impact the lives of teenagers in Washington.

As many of you know, we have been searching for a new home in the neighbourhood where we are planting City Baptist. It has proven to be a difficult process as there are not many complete homes available for rent in that neighbourhood, and the costs were very high. We had honestly given up looking, when God stepped in and provided

the perfect rental situation for our family. The home is literally in the centre of our neighbourhood and only two blocks away from the shared church office space that God had already provided through the generosity of one of our supporting churches. We are so thankful for the Lord's provision, and after an extremely busy couple of weeks, our family completed the move into our new home last Saturday.

As you can imagine, the amount of details that are involved in a church plant are often overwhelming, and as we head into the next seven weeks before the launch of City Baptist Church, we covet your prayers even more. Currently, our biggest prayer request is that God would provide a location for the church to begin meeting. We have exhausted many options that we thought could work out, yet, as of today we still do not have a suitable meeting place. Would you and your church family please pray earnestly that God would provide a suitable meeting place that would provide exactly what we need to reach this community effectively.



The new rental home that God provided in our target neighbourhood.

Also, would you begin to pray with us as we head into our outreach campaign beginning in August. During the month of August it is our plan to reach the closest 15,000 homes three times with invitations and Gospel presentations. It is our prayer that during August, God would do a work in the families and individuals of our neighbourhood, and begin to open doors and contacts to the Gospel and City Baptist.

Would you also pray about our upcoming Community Outreach Barbecue on the 6th of September, the day before the grand opening of the church. It is our goal that God would use this event to "connect the dots" between the invitations that have been going out, and the launch of the new church. Through our experience with our reproducing church, we know that these community events generate a lot of interest, and we are praying that God will use this event for His Glory.

Our family is so thankful for the countless prayers and thoughts during this season of our lives. God has been working in so many ways, we cannot help but be excited about what is to come.

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