

REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / May 2015

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your consistent prayers and financial support for our family as we follow God's call to Vancouver BC. We are certainly blessed to let you know that God has been working the last two months, particularly in the spiritual growth in our new attenders to City Baptist. It has been exciting to see our young church take steps forward in their faithfulness, commitment and giving to the local church, and we have seen some important spiritual decisions made in the lives of our people. Please continue to keep the people of City Baptist in your prayers as they determine to live and grow in their faith.



Volunteers helping remove trash from the basement in preparation for renovation.

One major development in the last two months has been God solidifying in our hearts the need that City Baptist has for additional space to facilitate the growth of His Church. As I shared in our last letter, an opportunity has opened for us in the unused basement of the Vancouver Tap Dance Society, our current rental facility. It has been amazing to see how God has continually opened doors to make this situation possible.

In just the last month, I have had several meetings with the owner and managing director of the VTDS about our proposed renovation of the

basement to turn it into some usable classroom and office space for the church. After those meetings and much prayer, I am glad to tell you that last Sunday afternoon, we received the permission necessary to move forward with the expansion! We are also happy to report that all of the necessary Asbestos tests came back negative as well. All of this is truly an answer to prayer, and we are looking forward to starting the project by faith.



Right now, we believe the cost to complete this project will be close to \$12,000 in materials. We are thankful that through generous donations from our church family and friends, we have been able to raise \$5,500 of that project, please pray with us that God will provide the remaining amount for us to complete this important step of faith for our young church. The renovation is not a simple task, we need to add insulation throughout the entire space, build in



classrooms and offices, install a small kitchen, renovate a restroom and add some common space for meals, counselling etc. Upon completion, this space will give our children's ministry much needed room to grow, as well as provide meeting and office space for our church ministries throughout the week. Please pray with us as we pursue this opportunity God has sent our way to have a more permanent place to minister in our community.

As we look forward to the summer months, we are excited about our upcoming outreach campaign beginning at the end of June. Our goal for the summer months is to continue spreading the word about City Baptist and letting

our community know that there is a place where they can hear the truth about God's love and

salvation. Please pray for us as we endeavour to deliver and mail close to 35,000 Gospel invitations to our surrounding neighbourhood this summer. As well, please begin to pray for our Community Outreach BBQ that we have scheduled for this August 29th. We have booked a local park with the city, and right now we are finalizing our permits for this event. It is our prayer that we will see over 500 people attend, and that God will use it to help us connect with many families in our immediate community.

Thank you again for your faithful prayer and financial support. We are blessed to play a small role in your missions family, and we are looking forward to God doing great things in and through City Baptist Church.



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