

## REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Vancouver, BC Canada

## **Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,**

We are so thankful for you and your prayers during the first two months of City Baptist Church. God truly has been working in a unique way, and we know that it is because of the many prayers of His people. Since our last update following the encouraging start of City Baptist, God has continued to bless and grow His church. We are thankful that God has allowed us to see a steady stream of first time guests during our Sunday services.



We are happy to report that we saw our first couple saved several weeks ago. They are a young couple who came at the invite of a friend, and during a follow up visit the following week, both of them placed their trust in Christ. Since their salvation, they have gone through some opposition, please pray for their continued spiritual growth as we endeavour to help them grow in their walk with God.

We would also ask that you pray for the spiritual growth of many who have been attending our weekly services. Currently we have

three enrolled in discipleship programs with several more interested in participating in a weekly one-to-one discipleship. We have also been encouraged to see our mid-week Bible

Study grow steadily since the start of the church. Space is becoming an issue since we are still meeting in our home, but we are confident God has something in store for the future.

This Fall we have been out each Saturday inviting our neighbourhood to the church through our outreach campaign. It has been a real blessing to see many of our new attenders catch the vision for the church, and come out each weekend to help spread the word about City Baptist. Since beginning our outreach, we have seen several more guests in church, and made several good contacts.



It has been incredible to see God begin to open doors and ways for us to minister to the community and create interest in what God is doing in Vancouver. A few months ago we received an call from a Christian owned business in Washington State that learned about our church plant and wanted to get involved. The outcome to that conversation was that this business has decided to make our church the beneficiary of their annual Christmas toy and clothing drive. In just a few weeks they will be donating hundreds of items to



our church to serve our community however the Lord leads. Already, God has opened some



doors through our local police, as well as the ministry of child services here in the city. Please pray with us that God would use this incredible opportunity to demonstrate the love of God, and be a blessing to those in need this Christmas season.

We would also ask that you pray for our upcoming Community Christmas outreach event we will be hosting on December 19th. We have booked the studio and are inviting the community for a free Christmas photo opportunity. We will be handing and mailing out 6,000 invitations in the next month as well as working with local businesses to promote the event. We really believe

this will be a great way for us to connect with our neighbourhood as well as invite many out to our services. Please keep us in your prayers as we are planning on this being a well attended event, and that God would bring all the details together for these opportunities He has brought our way.

We are so thankful for each of you and your investment into our family and church. Please join us in asking God to do great things here in Vancouver.

Your Friends.

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