



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / May 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

We are so grateful for your faithful prayer and financial support as we labour to see City Baptist Church established in the city of Vancouver. Since our last update, God has been at work in an amazing way and it really is only because of your prayers and support.

One of the most fulfilling aspects of starting a church, is seeing God begin to work in the lives of people. Over the past few months we have seen seven people remain faithful to completing our fourteen week discipleship program that we began in February. It is a blessing to see new people remain faithful and see their spiritual growth during this time, please keep those that are still in the program in your prayers that they would remain committed to completing the course.

We were also blessed to see Sammie accept Christ a few weeks ago. She and her family have been attending faithfully since our community BBQ last September. We have witnessed to her multiple times, and she has heard the Gospel clearly in our services, but growing up in a culture with no acknowledgement of God has

taken some time for the truth of the Word to find root. We are so thankful for her commitment to Christ, and we ask that you keep her husband and daughter in your prayers as they are still learning what it means to be a Christian.

A recent big milestone for City Baptist Church was our formal charter and organizational service on April 3rd. Our sending Pastor Gordon Conner, and two deacons from Greater Vancouver Baptist Church were in attendance as we formally accepted twenty four people into our membership representing thirty seven including children. We are truly blessed as God has built a

strong core of people for the future of City Baptist. We are looking forward to what He has for us in the future as we endeavour to reach our community with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.



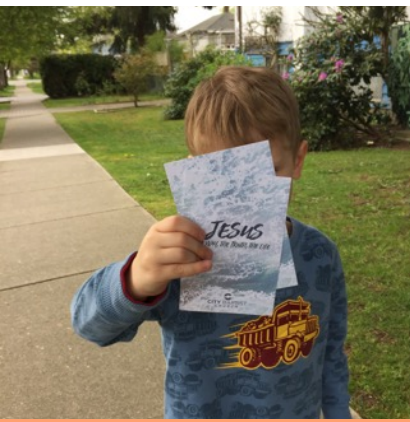
New life in Christ!



Charter and organizational service.



Cake makes it official!



Myles is a great outreach partner!

Besides these major events in our church, we have continued on with our regular schedule of church events and outreach. This Spring we have been able to attend both Men's and Ladies retreats as well as host a parenting seminar on Mother's Day. We also just completed our Spring outreach campaign that was focused on proclaiming Jesus as the only answer for the needs in our community. It was well received and we have continued to see a steady stream of guests weekly. We ask that you pray for those that visit, as well as for our upcoming Summer outreach beginning in early June. Our desire is that God would be magnified in our neighbourhood, and that we would be faithful in our passion and heart to be a light in this community.

One special blessing that we have been able to experience, has been God allowing our church to be a part of giving towards the purchase of a Bible campground. Our

sending church has rented this particular camp for the last thirty years, however, in a unique set of circumstances, God provided through his people the funds to purchase the campground in less than four months. It truly has been amazing to see, and our church was privileged to be a part of raising money for the purchase as well as put in many hours of work in updating the aging campground. While there is still a lot of work to do, we are looking forward to camp this summer, and seeing God continue to impact the lives of young people as He did in my own life for many years.

We are continually amazed that God would allow our family to serve Him through planting City Baptist Church, and we are grateful for your love and support as we follow God's call to the Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood of Vancouver. Please continue to pray for those that we have contact with who are not saved, as well God's power and strength, as we do our best to lead this wonderful church to serve Him in a greater way.

Your Friends,

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Maximus, Myles & Owen



Parenting seminar on Mother's Day with Lions Gate Baptist Church.

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