



REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Summer 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Our family is so grateful for your love and support as we take the Gospel to this needy city of Vancouver. We apologize about the lateness of this update, but we are excited to share with you what the Lord has been doing at City Baptist Church.

The last few months have been full of ministry opportunities and outreach events in our neighbourhood. This Spring, we were able to take our largest groups so far of men and women to their respective retreats. God really worked in the hearts of those who attended, and we are thankful for those spiritual and relationship building opportunities.

As we headed into the late Spring, besides all of the school programs, and regular outreach opportunities, we set aside 5 weeks for specific teaching on parenting with many couples in the church. We dedicated our Sunday evenings to teaching through the book; *Making Home Work* by Pastor Paul Chappell. We are so thankful for the families God has brought to City, and this study was just another step forward in building our homes on the solid foundation of the Lord.



Sammi & Joe just finished discipleship and will be baptised soon!



Handing out waters and church invites on the street

The Summer months started off at full speed with many scheduled outreach and community connection opportunities for our church. We again utilized the public piano in our neighbourhood as a place to hand out free water and tracts, this has become a regular outreach for our church and is always well received.

We were blessed to have a youth missions team from People's Baptist Church in Greenville, NC come and help us for a week of ministry. They were able to experience the uniqueness of the work here in the inner city, as well as serve alongside our church family. While they were here, our



Youth Missions Team serving at the summer neighbourhood event.

church was involved in our neighbourhood Summer kickoff event. This event is always great to be a part of, as there were almost 2,800 people from the neighbourhood in attendance. Again this year, we handed out water, as well as provided face painting, balloon animals and other activities. We were able to give out almost 1,400 water bottles with our church info, and close to 1,000 church invitations. Both a significant increase over last year.

Beyond the numbers, so many conversations were had, and great contacts made within our community. These “connection points” have been so important to the impact and growth of our church, and we are thankful that our community is open to our involvement in these events.

In just a few days, we again head into our two weeks of Summer Camp, this year we are excited to be sending both Junior and Teen campers. Our family will be serving both weeks, and we are looking forward to what God is going to do in all of our hearts.

We ask that you please continue to be in prayer for City Baptist Church in the months to come. There have been some challenging days recently, yet we know that in every discouragement there is a direction for us to follow and we are very optimistic about the next few months of ministry. We are excited that there are several who



Our newly updated lobby and welcome centre at the studio.

are committed for baptism, as well, we have been able to increase the size of our parking lot, and renovate the main lobby of the studio that we use as our welcome centre.

Again, we are thankful for your love and support, and we are blessed that you would continue to support what God is doing here in the Hastings neighbourhood of Vancouver.

Your Friends,

Paul & Jenette Conner

Maximus, Myles, Owen & Royal



Royal turned 1 this past June, we are so thankful for our children.

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