

REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Summer 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

We are so thankful for your prayer and support during the past months since our last update letter. As you well know, 2020 has not exactly gone as planned, yet we are thankful for the Lord's protection, and guidance during the pandemic that has affected us all. Like many of you, in March it

was necessary for us to move to a completely online platform of ministry do to the gathering limitations placed on Churches by our local provincial government.

While it has been disappointing to see almost every single church related event cancelled since that time, it has also been very rewarding to see the church family care and minister for one another. We had several that were laid off for extended periods of time, and yet the church family has come together and given generously to help those in need. As well, it has been encouraging to see the great effort the church has put into communicating with one another, and being faithful to our online services even though it is certainly not the same as meeting in person.



So many have stepped up and done an amazing job learning the technology necessary to livestream our services.



City Baptist Church is so thankful to be meeting again in person beginning in June!

One blessing the online format has allowed us, is that we have been able to hear from several guest speakers, and connect virtually with each of the missionaries that we support. Each of these unique opportunities has been encouraging and brought our church family closer together during this time.

We are thankful that beginning in June, we were once again able to meet in person. The Tap Studio where we rent has been really helpful in allowing us to begin meetings with proper sanitization and distancing. Once again, the church family has come together in their flexibility around us moving to a multi service, multi

location format. They have generously given to allow us to purchase some more equipment to enhance and solidify our livestream setup, and they have shown nothing but joy in the ability to gather again in person. We praise the Lord for several first time guests in church already since reopening.

As we look forward to the next six months, I would ask that you pray with us on several fronts. First, would you pray that the Lord would allow us to continue to have some impact within our



neighbourhood. It has been difficult to cancel the major outreaches that we had planned, yet we still desire to see people come to Christ through this challenging season. We have an outreach mailing planned for the month of August, and we ask that you would pray the Lord would use it, as well as our continuing online outreach campaigns.

Secondly, I would again ask that you pray for our search for a new, larger meeting space for City Baptist. The Tap Studio has again gone through another leadership change and there are some concerns about our future in this space. It has been a blessing to launch and grow here, but the future of our longterm growth and development would benefit from a larger facility.

Thirdly, I would ask that you simply pray for our family. From broken arms, separation from family in the US, to an unexpected seizure, this year has been challenging on all sides and we really do covet your faithful prayers for our family. We serve a God who sustains and strengthens us even in the deepest of valleys, and our desire is to trust in Him alone during this time of ministry and growth for our family.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to support and pray for us, we are grateful.

Your friends,

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