



# REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Winter 2018

**Dear Praying Friends,**

Our family is so grateful for you and your support of City Baptist Church here in Vancouver. The last few months have been a continuing testimony of God's grace and work in our hearts and the lives of our church family. Even though the late Fall and Winter months are not always the most fruitful in ministry, we have been blessed to see God build His church, and strengthen the bond of our church family.

We are thankful that Jenette was able to lead Carlie to Christ recently after a Sunday morning service. She came at the invite of one of our members and has since been baptised, and enrolled in a discipleship course. Please pray for her as she grows in her faith and knowledge of living for the Lord.



Carlie accepted Christ recently!

In November we were able to once again attend the Married Couples Retreat with several couples from City. This conference is hosted by our sending church and is always a blessing. Each teaching session was so helpful, and our couples were challenged to let their love for each other be a reflection of their love for Christ.

This past Christmas season was also a blessing as our church came together

once again to serve our community through our annual Christmas photo event. This year was our best attended event yet with around 200 people from the community attending. This outreach event is such a useful tool to connect with our community, and invite them to join us for our Christmas Eve services. We do not always see immediate fruit from this event, however the connection point to our church in the neighbourhood is invaluable. Every year we have families who make this event a part of their



City Baptist couples at the Marriage Retreat in Whistler, BC.



Some of the volunteers at the Christmas photo event.

Christmas tradition, and throughout the rest of the year we meet people who know about our church because of this event. We can only look forward to the future and pray for spiritual fruit in the years to come.

As we enter into 2018, we are excited and optimistic about the year ahead. We really believe that God has some great things ahead of us, and we are trusting in His perfect will for the growth and development of City Baptist. Would you please pray with us about our future facilities. Honestly, we have outgrown the current building we are renting, and have been seeking the Lord

for direction and wisdom as to what would be the next step for us. We have been looking, but so far nothing has surfaced. With the current housing market in our neighbourhood nearing an average of 1.6 million for a single family home, you can imagine that commercial space is extremely expensive and difficult to even find anything that could be used.

We serve a big God with resources beyond ours, and we ask that you would join with us in prayer over the future. We desire to find something that would allow us to expand, yet remain in this part of the city where we have built a great reputation.

Thank you for your investment in God's work in Vancouver, and we are praying for God's blessing in your church and lives in this new year ahead.

Your Friends,

**Paul & Jenette Conner**

*Maximus, Myles, Owen & Royal*



The best family photo we could come up with during our event :)

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