



# REACH VANCOUVER UPDATE

The Conner Family / Spring 2017

**Dear Praying Friends,**

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for our family and the ongoing ministry of City Baptist Church here in Vancouver. The last several months have been filled with both challenges and blessings, but we are thankful to give God the glory for how He has been teaching us, and growing our faith day by day. City Baptist is continuing to see steady growth in our weekly services, and we are excited to let you know that we have recently seen four more people saved, and seven follow the Lord in Baptism.

While we have been encouraged by these decisions, a few of them have been made during difficult trials and opposition. Please pray for these new believers, as they are learning what it looks like to walk by faith in their new relationship with Christ. It has been amazing to see God do the work that leads to lasting life change through the power of His Word. As you pray for our new attenders and those newly saved, please ask God that we would see continued spiritual growth in each of their lives.



Jeff recently accepted Christ. Please pray for him as he grows in his faith!



The five who followed the Lord in Baptism on February 12th.

Thank you for your prayers for our Christmas photo event that we hosted in December. It was our best attended photo outreach yet, with close to 100 people from the community participating. This event has been instrumental in connecting our church with the community, and we are thankful for the unique opportunity, and connections it presents each year.

The last few months have been busy with regular ministry, but we have also been able to experience some “firsts” since starting the church. From our first baptism service, first

wedding, to our first baby shower, and first cancelled service because of snow! It has been wonderful to see God's hand through the normal, everyday events within a church family.

As we look forward to the next few months, would you please be in prayer as we begin a busy spring of outreach in our community? For the first time we are branching outside of our immediate neighbourhood, and beginning some outreach just a few blocks away. We have had several guests from that area of the city, and we are hoping to see many more as we expand the area we are reaching.

We are so thankful for your prayers for City Baptist Church, and as you continue to pray for us, would you especially ask God for guidance with our current facility. We have seen good growth since planting the church, and we are beginning to reach our maximum capacity in the current situation. We were recently able to do a few more updates to the building, and are continuing some more work in the basement. But it is becoming obvious to us, and our church, that if we are going to continue to move forward, then something has to change.

Right now we are in the beginning stages of developing a solution for our growth, but we are in need of God's wisdom and direction. Would you please join us in asking God to show us clearly the next steps that we must take, and that He would give us wisdom and peace in the direction He leads us.

Thank you for your love and prayers for our family. Jenette and the boys are doing well, and Linla and Linda will be graduating from WCBC

in just a few weeks. It is hard to believe how fast time moves, but we are thankful for God's leading each step of the way. Thank you for allowing us to represent your church family as we minister here in Vancouver.

Your Friends,

**Paul & Jenette Conner**

*Maximus, Myles & Owen*



A recent service at City Baptist Church. We are thankful for what God is doing!



Maximus, (8) Myles (5) and Owen (3) being themselves this past Sunday.

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