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**Fwd: Headlines and Prayers for the Summer**

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Hi Jacquie

Can we include this in the next newsletter

Thanks

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This is our Lighthouse Church and McDowell prayer update of  
our church planting ministry in Victoria.

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**Dear Support Family,**

Thank you SO VERY MUCH for your prayers. We have a few update "headlines" followed by some new prayer requests going into the summer:

Summer Ministry

Last Sunday evening was our annual Community Carnival at Rudd Park. The best one yet in terms of organization,

Reaching Victoria!

Lighthouse Church is a growing community that seeks to value Jesus

volunteering & lay ownership, attendance AND weather! Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the evening with us. Many of them repeat attenders from last year, and many more new ones! These are the people Lighthouse is trying to reach with the good news of Jesus! Our youth groups will also be active with camping trips and beach barbecues this summer, led by our new intern.... more on him below.



#### Fruitful "Let's Do Lunch" Events

These are 1 hour lunch meetings that take place after every 4th or 5th Sunday service in the next door recreation centre. They have been well attended, offering great training opportunities on the topic of missional living. From these lunches, desires for new missional groups have been born, we pray a few of them will develop into reality come Fall. Some of the ideas include: inmate education assistance, ESL classes, community kitchen ministry, neighbourhood outreaches, and skeptics discussions.

#### New Developments for Canadian Church Planting

Recently, Lynea and I had the chance to attend the [Grace Network Canadianational](#) conference. It was a re-commitment time to further the national strategy and vision for planting reformed, gospel-centered churches in Canada. I (Scott) have joined the board to serve in the capacity of developing

in all things so that we might live for his mission in all things. Together we encourage people to express their faith in Jesus or their spiritual search in three ways like three types of light: Daily Mission (candle), within Community Groups (bonfire) and at our Gatherings (stagelight).

We gather Sundays at 10am at 3130 Tillicum Road Victoria BC.

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a pipeline of church planting apprentices and internships. This will take a decent amount of energy, but we feel called to play our part in the national vision. I trust it will mean seeing new leaders developed and sent into church planting ministry. Please pray that I would be able to balance this small but important role with our current planting work in Victoria.

Another way that I support church planting work on Vancouver Island is by leading the C2C network's "Incubator" program for new planters using the City to City Redeemer church planter incubator training. We have finished year one of the two year training and I have found the process very rewarding. I wish I had the training before I started! The process takes prep, and extra energy that sometimes feels laborious, but it is an honour to be able to walk with other planters through their journey of starting new churches. We hope to have 7-8 planters taking the course next year which resumes in September. Seeing this many people involved in church planting in Victoria is exciting in itself. God is doing a new thing on our island!

#### Intern Development

We are very proud of our new part-time intern for youth and children's ministry, Dennis. He is only 18 and yet leading very well. We are praying that his 4-5 month internship will result in more ministry roles for him in the future. I am thankful that he is considering vocational ministry long term. He is growing in his faith and is very natural in his teaching gifts and leadership. We are considering the addition of other interns for future ministry. We would love to see Lighthouse become a well rounded "training church" working with very young leaders to church planters!



#### Developing Ministry Team

We are really encouraged by a team of leaders in ministry in our church. They are not our group of elders or deacons (yet), but they serve in so many ministry areas that make Lighthouse Church happen! Last week, we met for a team meeting to discuss where we are in numerous areas of the church. I enjoy getting their feedback, and noticing that the vision of Lighthouse and the future of the church is more and more being held in their hearts and minds. God is raising up a ministry of the "many." Which will call me to shift my gears and do less tasks and more oversight and coaching.



#### Family

Our family is spending the month of July in southern California! We will be doing a pulpit/house exchange with a friend and PCA pastor in San Diego. I'll be preaching 3 Sundays at Harbor Church San Diego. This will give our family some vacation time as well as a bit of separation from Lighthouse as they grow into new roles and leadership areas. We look forward to July in California! Lynea and I will also celebrate our 15 year wedding anniversary in August. The kids have all had their birthdays and are now 12 (Dylan), 10 (Nathan), and 8 (Samara)! We are so thankful for each of them and

how God is at work in their hearts. We have taken special joy in hearing our daughter praying and asking great questions about the Lord.



With so much love and appreciation in Christ!

Scott and Lynea

### Join us in our Prayers

Jesus, thank you for all these things you are doing in Victoria and in our family. Thank you for our kids listening to your voice and responding with soft hearts. Grow them in your goodness and grace.

We praise you for those in our church making decisions that honour you, sharing their faith, growing in the word, serving and giving financially to your kingdom work. Often in ways they have never done before! This encourages us and we ask that you, Jesus, would increase the faith and strength of these young believers in Lighthouse.

- Protect H, who is going through the hard process of leaving a difficult relationship. Call her to lean on you more than ever before.
- Be with our youth intern Dennis, and his growing ministry to young people. Give him discernment for his future.
- Call S into saving faith and the church. (She is our banker, an Iranian lady at who asked Scott many spiritual questions during a financial meeting. She believes God exists, but hasn't yet found Jesus.)
- Thank you for P's friendship and faith conversations with Lynea. We pray

those would continue, and her family would be drawn to the one true God. Call her out of her New Age/Mysticism beliefs into your light.

- Call to yourself the over 50 people, named on prayer sheets at a recent church-wide lunch. As a church we are praying that they will meet You. May we see a number of them being invited into our community to hear the gospel. We pray that we would see conversions out of our visitors and invited guests over the summer months!
- We thank you for increasing our church family in membership. We ask that they would all rise to the call of valuing you above all and living out a commitment to serving one another, and joining into the mission of reaching out to our city.

In Jesus' worthy, mighty name, Amen.

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