

## **You are invited to our Missions Fair! May 27 following the service.**

Come join us in the Activity Hall (Gym) for some tasty snacks while you visit the displays set up by the following mission groups we support.

### **Afternoon Mission Group**

This group exists to encourage, support, pray and 'love on' our missionaries though hearing what God is doing in His world. Speakers are from our church, community and the world. They inspire and challenge us with the work they are doing. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the Fireside Room from 1:30-2:30 followed by refreshments. All are welcome! In June the group will have lunch at 12 noon and Pastor Dennis Kirkley, YVR Chaplain will speak. Tickets are \$10 at the info desk.

### **Canadian Baptist Ministries – Tom Mei**

Tom Mei is our CBM rep in China – he is equipping pastoral leaders there! In partnership with CBM and Carey Theological College, Tom is coordinating teachers, mentoring students, and teaching in the new Masters of Pastoral Ministry program in China. Tom also helps open student centres for children left behind in the country by parents who have moved to the cities for work.

### **Carey Theological College**

Carey's vision statement reads "Carey's vision is to empower faithful Christian leaders for every generation, culture and community". On the Carey Campus they provide theological education, offer UBC students a discipleship program through their Christian community and residence and train students around the world. Leaders in Africa, Asia and South America have benefited from education through Carey's faculty.

Our own Pastor Jennifer graduates June 10 with her Masters of Divinity from Carey. All our pastors have benefited from the workshops, courses and other opportunities Carey has provided through the years. Did you know that it was Ellis, our former senior pastor who encouraged Jennifer to apply for the position we had posted?

### **Christmas On The Peninsula**

While we don't fund COTP, we do support this as many of our people volunteer for the event and much prayer is lifted up as well. Our own Liv Bulow had a vision 12 years ago for a Christian Christmas Parade and this has grown to be a festival including carols sung on the main stage, carols by candlelight at the mayor's Christmas tree lighting ceremony, life size nativity in the White Rock community centre and on a float in the parade, craft market and more. This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> one!

### **Dalit Freedom Network Canada**

Dalit families of India requested education for their children. This gives them an opportunity to break the chains of oppression and poverty! They are taught a Biblical worldview by teachers trained by the DFN and in schools built by DFN. We built a classroom in one of these schools a few years ago and continue to support this ministry and the good work they do.

They provide education, new schools, classrooms and vocational training. (They have helped 6,000 women get employment skills, in addition to the wonderful work they do for school children!)

### **Keats Camps**

Keats Camps has been serving youth and families for over 90 years as part of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada. Thriving during the summer months, the property comes alive with over 1800 campers

and staff as well as visiting parents and friends. Year round there are rental retreats, work parties and outdoor school programs. At Keats, campers and staff are mentored, helping them build a faith in Christ as well as self-confidence and abilities that will help them in all walks and stages of life.

This year's theme is Neverland, meeting the lost boys and girls, encountering mermaids and sea creatures and possibly even a pirate or two along the way. Campers will learn about Jesus' desire for relationship with each of us. Topics include love, trust, hurt, community and how that all underlies our relationship with each other and with Jesus.

### **Missions Fest**

Missions Fest Vancouver holds the banner of Church Unity for the sake of Christ's Mission. It is the largest annual North American conference on local and global mission. There is an event and opportunity to engage urban and international mission for everyone in the family, from the youngest to the oldest. The 2019 conference theme will be "Mission: Discipling" it will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from January 18 – 20. General Admission is Free. Come learn and celebrate how God is moving around the world and in our neighborhoods.

### **NEW!! TeachBeyond and the Black forest Academy**

Our own Gus Butow has felt a call to missions with and will be exploring this soon. We invited him to have a table so you can hear from him what he might be doing with them. A few years ago Gus was wondering what his role in his retirement would be and where he could use his gifts and professional skills in the missions' field. He came across an opportunity at the Black Forest Academy in Germany for someone skilled in Human Resources management. The academy is an international Christian school providing an English language education to the children of international Christian workers and international business families. They empower international Christian workers to remain and thrive on the field by ensuring their children can get a quality Christian education. Gus will be mentoring a staff member who will become manager of human resources. Gus will spend a few weeks or months at a time there and support the manager remotely through skype as well. Gus is showing what's possible for retirees – using lifelong experience and skills to continue contributing in areas of expertise!

### **Vancouver Airport Chaplaincy**

Last year the Vancouver International Airport was voted Best Airport in North America for the 8<sup>th</sup> straight year! The Airport chapel is an important part of the customer Care team that brings that kind of acclaim. A place for prayer and meditation, the chapel has amazing volunteers to offer guidance to those new to the country and others having issues that make their travel difficult. The airport chaplaincy is funded by donations from churches, fundraisers and for 15 years a thrift store. Now that the thrift store has closed the chapel is grateful that we are one of the many churches that support their ministry. They have 50 volunteers that keep the chapel running so if interested, talk to Dennis and his team to hear about how you might become involved.

### **Zimbabwe Gecko Society**

The ZGS's mission is to show the love of Jesus to the people of Zimbabwe with the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty. They work in the following areas:

Church/spiritual health; water- building hand pumped wells for community access; food security – supporting sustainable farming programs, education – building schools and providing preschool ESL. Children get daily meals so they can focus on their studies instead of foraging for food. They also provide structures, supplies and training for carpentry and sewing for teens and adults. Finally they develop health centers so locals can receive health care services in their own communities. Our own Frank and Susan Janetti started this ministry and continue to be key to the success of the projects.