

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

People Care About Our Community



Poppin for Wheelchairs. Can a few kids and kernels change lives?

Last year, during a trip to Guatemala, my brother Ben and I helped distribute food, clothing, and wheelchairs to over 60 families in a village in Guatemala. While we were there we learned that since most of the families we saw were extremely poor and didn't have cars, some of the kids who can't walk were carried each day to school. We also learned that some kids never even have the chance to go to school because the school would not accept them without a wheelchair. Since these families have a hard time earning enough money to feed themselves or to even buy shoes for school (school is free but families need to supply black shoes and backpacks) a wheelchair is a total impossibility. Another thing we were surprised to learn was that the kids actually really wanted to go to school!

So this year we thought we could get together with our friends and teachers and send some more wheelchairs to more kids in Guatemala.

First we needed wheelchairs. The wheelchairs are collected all around Metro Vancouver by a man named Ralph Terpstra, who is with an organization called Hope Haven Canada. People who don't need their wheelchairs and walkers anymore call him up and he picks them up with his truck. Sometimes his truck has one chair and sometimes it is almost overflowing. To get them fixed up and distributed to people in Guatemala costs about \$75 CDN.

So my friend Casie and I made a plan to help out and asked our Principal, Mrs. Mott, if it was okay and she said, "Yes, I think you will learn a lot!" Then, with the help of my brother Ben, Casie's sister Sammy, and two other friends, we started popping popcorn, bagging it, and making more popcorn. Tonnes of it. We visited each class and told them in French and English what we were doing. Over three days the smell of popcorn filled the school each lunch hour. It was so much work, but crazy fun too. Lots of kids paid a dollar as a donation and some kids donated more. Some kids wanted one bag and some wanted ten. In the end, after we totaled all the donations, we found we had enough to send eight wheelchairs!!! We have an awesome school and teachers that care about people. Thank you to everyone who participated! I can't wait to take the wheelchairs to Guatemala this spring and tell them about our school. They may never really know where Langley is, but I am certain that these wheelchairs will make a big difference in those kid's lives. They already have in mine.

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Walnut Grove

Next Sunday:

Nursery:

Juliet, Dawn, Monica, Diane, Becky

Set-up/Take Down:

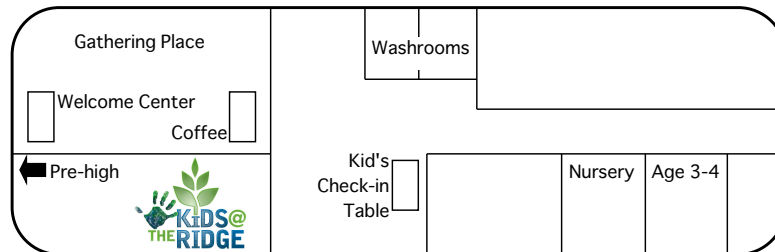
Team 1: Brian Cool's Team

FrontLines:

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S	Building Blocks at 4 PM
M	Ridge Runners at 7 PM
T	Elders meeting at 6 AM
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Th	Ministry Leaders' Huddle at 7:30 PM
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S	Ridge Runners at 8 AM

Map of RE Secondary School

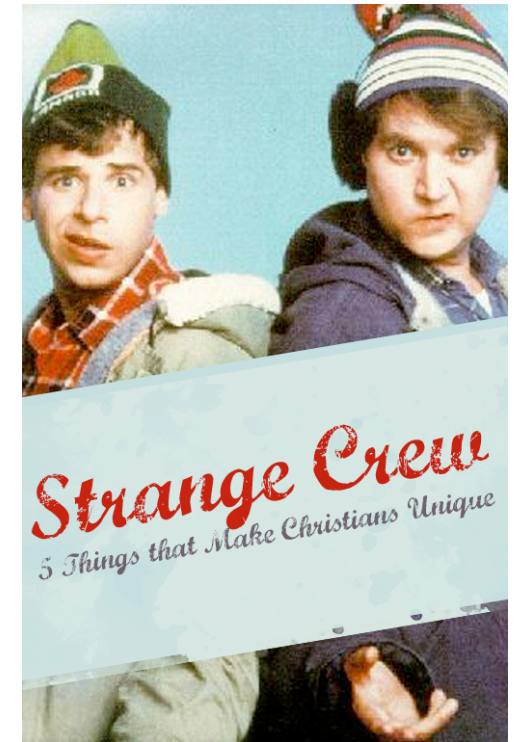


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Strange Crew: Five Things That Make Christians Unique "Unnatural Grace"

1 Peter 1:13-25 Pastor Brad Sumner



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Welcome!

New to Jericho Ridge? We're so glad that you're here. Here are some practical tips and tools for navigating through a Sunday morning here at JRCC:

- Complimentary fairly-traded organic coffee is available along with hot chocolate and tea. Feel free to take it to your seat – better yet, bring your own mug next week to keep it hot and to be eco-friendly!

- **Nursery** care is provided for children from birth to age 2 in the staff room. You can take your child there anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will provide you with a pager so that we can contact you if necessary throughout the morning.

- **Kids @ the Ridge** is our program for children from age 3-grade 4. The check-in table in the foyer is the place to sign-in your children (for security) and to receive info on classes. Kids join us for the first 20 minutes of the main gathering before being dismissed.

- **PreHigh:** Twice a month, we have a small group on Sunday mornings for grades 5-7. The PreHighs have an event once a month - check the Info Sheet for details and dates (a calendar is also available online).

- **Coffee and Connection Time** is a 10 minute window (usually from 10:50-11:00) that is dedicated to getting to know each other. This is the time when you can:

- Help your child(ren) get settled into their time of singing and learning;
- Grab a coffee;
- Visit the Welcome Centre to find out more about JRCC;
- Interact with those around you.

- First time here? Please fill out a Connecting Card (located in the seat back in front of you) and place it in the offering bag or drop it off at the Welcome Centre. We'll contact you with any info that you request (no spam, or overly persistent phone calls, we promise!).

- Want a **Bible**? We have complementary ones available at the Welcome Centre in an easy-to-read translation. Take it home as our gift to you.

- Please check out www.jerichoridge.com and sign-up for our weekly e-newsletter that will keep you up-to-date with JRCC programs and events.

- Questions or comments? Please speak with someone who is wearing a nametag - they are part of our volunteer or staff teams. We hope your time with us will encourage and inspire you wherever you are at on your spiritual journey.

Today's Gathering Includes:

Welcome

Singing Together

Aaron Rowe and Team

Family News and Upcoming Events

Coffee and Connection Time

"Unnatural Grace"

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People Connect With Each Other

New Teaching Series: "Strange Crew: Five Things That Make Christians Unique"

This week, we begin a five week teaching series in 1 Peter. It's all about the weird and wonderful ways in which your life becomes profoundly different when you encounter God. From the experience of grace, to an curious desire for spiritual growth, to an upside down perspective on the roles and relationships between genders, to a discussion on your unique spiritual gifts... we invite you to engage the dialogue with us about what it means to be a part of a very strange crew!



Ministry Leaders' Huddle

If you lead one of our ministry teams, please join us at the Township of Langley's Municipal Hall this Thursday beginning at 7:30 PM for our quarterly huddle. Our focus will be on clarifying our goals and reviewing the principles of teamwork. Come and discover the power of clarity!



Meet us at the Jericho Starbucks for a run on Monday at 7 PM and Saturday at 8 AM.



Carola Buchwitz will be hosting this week's herconnecting group on Friday morning at 9:30. We'll be discussing the seventh chapter in the book For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men.

Womens Retreat

Visit the retreat table for detailed information about this year's retreat. Think hot tub, afternoon hike, inspirational speaker, delicious meals, pyjama competition, and more! April 3-5 at Stillwood.



Praises & Prayers

If you would like to receive prayer requests and updates from our church family on a regular basis, please consider joining our e-prayer team. A group of praying people has been organized into one email group that is informed whenever a request is submitted. To join this team or to submit a request, email prayer@jerichoridge.com.

- Tim Bonnar was transferred to Vancouver General Hospital on Thursday and he had a series of tests done on Friday to learn more about the abscess on his liver. It is expected that he will have surgery to remove the abscess in the next day or two. Please continue to pray for his health as well as for Deb (due with their second child in March) and Tiernan (three years old).

- April Ferguson is ready to give birth at any time (her due date was this past Monday)! Please pray that she will have a healthy delivery.

- Gary and Betty Stevenson are preparing to work with Iranian refugees in Ankara this summer. Please pray for them as they prepare for their two month trip.

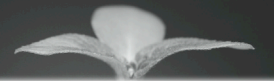
- Our JRCC missions team will be in Guatemala from March 14-21. Please pray that the love and grace of Jesus will be shared with the people of Guatemala.

Official Tax Receipts

2008 tax receipts are now available for you to pick up at the Welcome Centre.

Looking to grow your career and the Kingdom at the same time?

We're looking for a
Children's Ministry Director.



Children's Ministry Director Update

Our interim director, Laura Havercroft, has started a new job that will wrap up her time on staff with us on Sun, March 1. This means that we will be looking for volunteers to take turns in point leadership and large group on Sunday mornings for one Sunday while we complete our search for a half-time director for Kids @ the Ridge. We will also need to put some volunteer efforts in place behind the scenes to carry on the photocopying and organizing of materials for the small groups. If you have two hours per week to contribute, please speak with or email Pastor Brad or Laura.

Meeting for Kids @ the Ridge Parents and Volunteers

We are hosting a round table discussion on children's ministry at the Huddle and all volunteers and parents are invited to come out to hear updates on the search and to give input to the direction of ministry to children and families at JRCC. Please join us this Thursday at 7:30 PM at the TOL Municipal Hall (Murray Creek room on the 4th floor). Contact Pastor Brad for more info.