

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

People Care About Our Community

Guatemala 2010

This weekend, our team of 11 departed for eight life-changing days in central America. We are excited to report that through your generosity, all projects are fully funded and many lives will be transformed.

Please continue to pray for the team as they go about their week. Their approximate schedule (always subject to change) is as follows:

Sun – Worshipping at a Guatemala church in Chimaltenango. Picture 100 people raising their hands to Jesus with passion and intensity. They often have people stumble in off the street and have opportunity to minister to them. Pray for our team that they would learn compassion and passion from our global brothers and sisters.



Mon – House building project #1 – Prior to arrival, our in-country partners clear the land and block out where the concrete slab needs to go. Now it's time for our crew to get their hands dirty as they mix cement by hand and put up the frame and roof. Pray for site safety and for a great rapport with Howie, our Guatemalan project manager.

Tue – Wheelchair Distribution – Our in country partners have invited 60 people to receive wheelchairs. In a country where 18% of the population is disabled, a chair opens up a whole new world of opportunity and possibility. Pray for wisdom in fitting the right chairs with the right recipients and for opportunities to share about Jesus with people.



Wed – Distribution – Our team will be working with the local churches in the area to distribute food and clothing to needy families. They will also take hygiene kits and shoes so that kids can gain entrance into school (many kids are turned away if they don't have black dress shoes but they are expensive for under-resourced families to buy). Pray for life-changing conversations and for God to lead our team to the right people.

Thur – House Building project #2 – Our team is stacked with Construction expertise. Pray for positive attitudes and good weather conditions as they build their second house in one week (amazing to think about, isn't it?).



Fri – Orphanage visit – Our usual practice has been to travel to Antigua and take a group of kids from the Hermano Pedro orphanage out for lunch. These are kids at that are the untouchables of their society; those with severe mental and physical disabilities. Pray for grace and love to pour out from our team to these precious ones.

Sat - Travel day. Our team has worked hard and has a day of rest planned. Pray for them as the process what God is teaching them and as they prepare to return home.

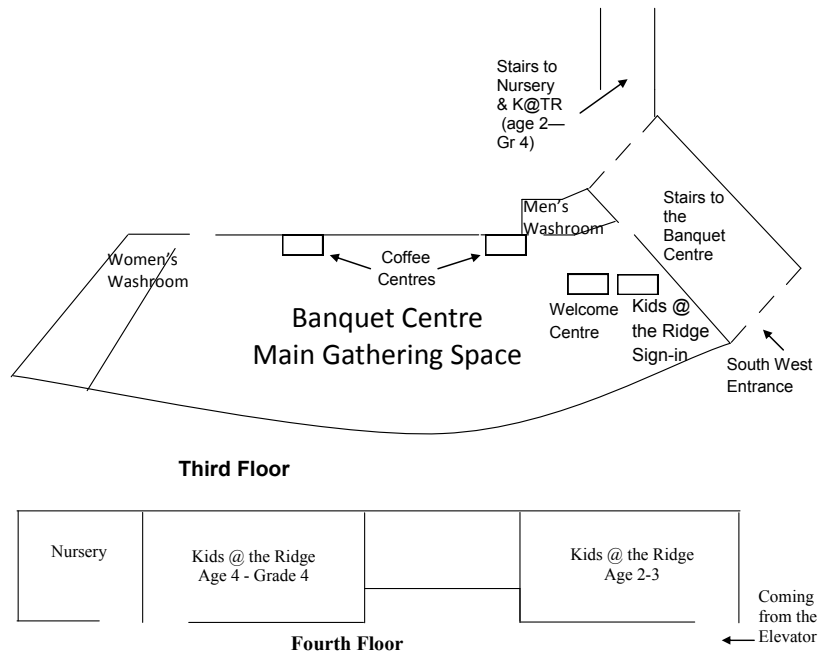
Sun – Fly to Seattle, drive home. Pray for favour and no challenges at border crossings or re-entry into Canada.

Next Sunday:
Setup & Take Down:
Leo, Joel K, Jon M.
FrontLines:
Cool's, Martens', Van Wensam's
Nursery:
Adriana S, Ali L, Jackie P, Diane Z, Rachel C

Coming up...

- April 2: Good Friday City-Wide Worship Gathering at CLA
- April 30-May 1: BCMB Annual Convention (Richmond)
- May 5: Debt Free Living event with Mary Hunt

Map of Langley Events Center



March 7, 2010



“Revolutionary Obedience”

Mark 1:16-20 Pastor Brad Sumner

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Welcome to Jericho Ridge Community Church

We're so glad that you decided to join us this morning. Here are some practical tips and tools to help you navigate through the morning here at JRCC:

- Complimentary fairly-traded organic **coffee** is available along with hot chocolate and tea at the back of the Banquet Hall. We encourage you to bring your own mug next week to keep your drink hot and to be eco-friendly!
- **Nursery care** is provided for children from birth to 23 months. The nursery is located on the 4th floor in the Board Room (refer to the map on the back page for specific location). You can take your child there anytime and you trained staff and volunteers will provide you with a pages so that we can contact you if needed.
- **Kids @ the Ridge** is our program for children from age 2- Grade 4. The check-in table is the place to sign in your children (for security) and receive info on classes. Kids join us for the first 20 minutes of the main gathering before being dismissed to their classes on the 4th Floor (please refer to the map for details).
- **PreHigh** – Twice a month, our students in grades 5-8 meet together in the Re Centre for a small group teaching time. The PreHighs also have an event once a month – please read through the Info Sheet for dates and details (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 for people to: help their child(ren) get settled into children's programming; grab a coffee; visit the Welcome Centre to register for events; interact with those around you.
- **First time** here? Please fill out a Welcome Card (located at the Welcome Centre) 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 copies 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 staff or volunteer teams. We hope your time with us will encourage and inspire you wherever you are at on your spiritual journey.

Today's Gathering Includes:

Singing Together

Jared Crossley & Team

Communion

Family News & Upcoming Events

Coffee & Connection Time

"Revolutionary Obedience"

Mark 1:16-20 Pastor Brad Sumner & Steve Klassen

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People Connect With Each Other



JRCC Welcomes Steve Klassen

JRCC is pleased to have Steve Klassen join us this morning for the introduction to our new teaching series. Steve and his wife Evy are the executive-directors of the MARK Centre, a retreat centre in Abbotsford that provides people with private space to listen to God's voice. Steve is a trained spiritual director who meets regularly with individuals for monthly sessions. He is also a regular public speaker, who dramatizes stories from the Gospel of Mark that highlight God's personal love for people. Steve will be back with us on Sunday, March 21.

Revolutionary Jesus

Our new teaching series on the Gospel of Mark begins today! Please pick up the new edition of the Momentum Journal so that you can track your daily Bible readings with the Sunday morning teaching and small group discussion questions. Journals can be purchased at the Welcome Centre for \$3 each or \$5 for two.



Ministry Leaders' Training Event

If you've been invited to this training event, please remember to RSVP with Pastor Keith by March 15. The event will be held at Newlands Golf Course on Saturday, March 20 from 8:30-2:00.



Baby Shower

Attention ladies – please keep your afternoon free on Sunday, May 30, the next JRCC Baby Shower date! We'll be celebrating with the mothers of newborns as we play a variety of games, enjoy an assortment of tasty treats, and give gifts. If you are a mom of a baby who was born since October 2009, please contact Ali Kooger (ali_handy@hotmail.com). Tickets will be on sale beginning in early May.

One-time Serving Opportunities

On Sunday, March 21, we are assisting in hosting a celebration banquet for our partner church in Walnut Grove, North Langley Community Church. We will be sharing about God's goodness to JRCC and will be assisting with front of house serving. To serve with excellence we are looking for the following teams:

- o Buffet (Putting food on the two buffet tables) – 8 people
- o Beverages (making coffee, tea, punch and putting water on the tables) – 4 people
- o Dining Room servers (serving and bussing and presenting dessert) - 10 people
- o Clean-up (dishes and kitchen clean) – 6 people

Please indicate your interest at the Welcome Centre and we'll be in touch with more details.



We Want to Hear from You!

Jericho Ridge Community church is undergoing a "Children's Ministry Assessment". This feedback tool is designed to help us assess vision and strategy, leadership, communication, curriculum selection, recruitment and training of volunteers, special events, outreach, and goal setting in the area of children and family ministries. In order for this assessment to be as effective and conclusive as possible we ask that you participate in 2 ways...

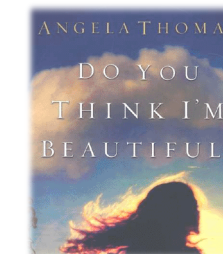


- 1) Fill out one of the surveys located at the sign-in table. There are surveys for parents, congregation members, Children's volunteers, staff and Elders.
- 2) Come to a Forum on Thursday March 4th at Ellen Franson's home (20349 89th Ave) from 7pm-8pm. Refreshments will be provided. The objective of this time is to listen to any concerns you have and explore how we can build momentum and strength in our work with children and families.

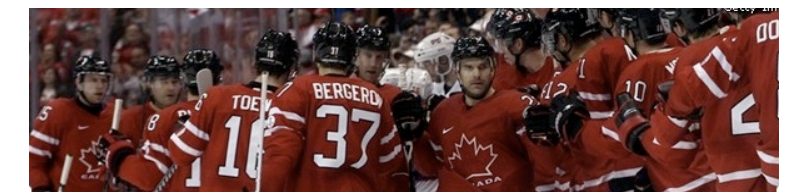
Thank you for your support and participation in Children's Ministry.

New 4 Year old and Kindergarten class:

In order to provide safer more age appropriate space and lessons, the 2-3 year old room will be divided in half for the 4 year olds and kindergarten classes to meet on the other side. Parents should be aware that for kid's age 4 to Kindergarten sign-out will now be done at the second doorway to this room. All kids ages 4 to Grade 4 will still gather in the large group room for songs and offering at the beginning. After songs and offering the 4-k classes will move to this adjacent room for their own story time and activities. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have stepped in to make this an exciting reality!



The herconnecting ladies' group completed their winter teaching unit this past Friday. They'll be taking two weeks off for spring break and will then begin a new series on Friday, March 26. The spring series will be based on Angela Thomas's book called, "Do You Think I'm Beautiful?" If you'd like to know more about this series and how to get involved, please contact Meg Sumner (604.530.5591 or her@jerichoridge.com).



Gold Medal Hockey Game

Thanks to all who came and who served at last weekend's community connection event here at the LEC. Following our morning gathering, JRCC opened up the arena bowl for approximately 500 people from our community to watch the Canadian men claim hockey supremacy (sorry, Pastor Keith). There's some great photos and video available under the "newsworthy" section of our website at <http://www.jerichoridge.com/print.html>.