



St. Timothy's Gazette JUNE 2009

Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Our Mission:

St. Timothy's **Mission** is to
Go out into the North Shore community to
Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may
Glorify God in worship,
Grow to become more like Jesus Christ, and
Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

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St. Timothy's Anglican Church

Sunday Services at the Lynn Valley Rec. Centre
Frederick and Mountain Highway, North Vancouver

First Sunday: Prayer Service at 9.15 a.m.

Matins at 10 a.m.

Other Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Sunday Sermons are available on our website

Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

Five Years & Counting

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6

Of one thing, I am certain, that God has begun a good work in and at St. Timothy's. As we celebrate our five-year anniversary, we have a lot to be joyful about and even more for which to be thankful. In five years: we have celebrated more than 300 worship services, baptised 15 people, confirmed three people, had two ordination services (one being the first in Canada under Global South authority) and installed one priest. We have welcomed three bishops and one archbishop, and heard from more than a dozen guest speakers. We have also had our times of grief as we have declared, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" to ten of our brethren.

We have been blessed to be a blessing. By the end of this year, we will have given approximately \$130,000 for the sake of the mission of God's one holy and catholic church. These monies have gone to bless churches and missions locally, across Canada and the US, and around the world, (most significantly to our brothers and sisters in Rwanda).

As a family, we have celebrated feasts, broken bread in one another's homes and marked various milestones together (births, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries). We have helped each other through times of crisis, sickness and grief. We have prayed for each other, confessed our sins one to another and washed one another's feet.

As iron sharpens iron, so we have sharpened and encouraged each other to grow in our faith and devotion to Christ. When we have sinned against each other, we have sought and found forgiveness. We have grown together as a congregation in our understanding of worship, Jesus love, the Father's grace and God's kingdom.

We have come a long way in five years. However, God has only begun a good work in us. St. Timothy's is young in its life in Christ. God has called us to be missionaries, not settlers. We are part of an Anglican missionary movement called by God to reach out to the un-churched and the de-churched. It is not enough to be thankful for all that God has done so far and to settle into patterns and habits which make us feel comfortable but do nothing to care for the lost, the last, the little and the least.

Five years is a great milestone and a time for celebration. Nevertheless, we cannot take a rest, believing that we have somehow made it, goals accomplished. Now is a time to ask the LORD Jesus, "Now what?"

What do you have for us next?" We must ask questions about future facilities, future staffing, future church plants and future goals.

How can we be a light of hope as we Go into the North Shore? What does it mean in this culture to, "Gather in Christian fellowship"? What might Glorifying God look like for us in the years to come? How can we further nurture Growth and maturity in Christ in one another? What does Giving of our time, talent and treasure really look like as we learn to love God and love neighbour?

As we look back on the past, assess the present and look to the future, it is important we keep one thing in mind. Like Christ, we should do only what we see our

heavenly father doing. That means that our plans, our vision and our mission must first be his. We do not create it; we follow. Like a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, we follow our LORD through the wilderness. At times, we will move quickly and at other times, we will need to wait, pray and listen before going anywhere.

Five years is wonderful, and I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Happy Anniversary my dear friends!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

ken bell+



Baptism at St. Timothy's NVRC 2009

Ken's Book Reviews:

“The Furious Longing of God” by Brennan Manning.

As most of you know by now Brennan Manning is one of my favourite authors. He is a recovering alcoholic and former Franciscan Priest. He writes passionately about God's insatiable love for us. In “The Furious Longing of God” Manning continues down this path exploring the God who longs for us and relentlessly pursues us. We count to God, we are important, we are his beloved, and he is ours. Manning is convinced that God's love for us is nothing short of furious. Like a storm battering a ship on the open ocean, it is both fierce and majestic.

The God Manning knows, the one revealed in the gospels, is one whose love knows no limits and no boundaries. He is a God who will go to any lengths, to chase after us. He will even become like one of us. If you ever feel you are too far from the reaches of God to be loved, too broken-hearted to be touched or too burdened by heavy religion to be of any worth to God; read this book.

“Christianity Beyond Belief” by Rev. Todd Hunter.

Todd is the former national director of Vineyard USA and Alpha USA. A few months ago we was ordained an Anglican Missionary Priest from Rwanda and is the leader for AMiA's Western Initiative.

His book, *Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others*, explores the challenges of living a life for Jesus in our current culture, which at best, looks sceptically towards faith in general and the Christian faith more specifically.

Hunter clearly argues that the Christian faith must be about more than, “Going to heaven when you die”. A faith relationship in which we are called to be followers of Jesus must have an effect on us here and now, or else it is no real faith at all.

The theme, which weaves its way throughout the book, is this: we are called to be, “cooperative friends of Jesus, living in creative goodness for the sake of others through the power of the Holy Spirit.” If our understanding of eternal, abundant life is only focused on, ourselves and getting our way into heaven, then we have completely missed the point of Jesus and his gospel. It is a challenging book, but easy to follow and understand. I would encourage all of you to consider reading it, (especially if you happen to be on church council and want to get a jump on some fall reading).

from the Withrow's – Thank you St Timothy's

Dearest St. Timothy's Family...

Thank you very much for the Send Off into Ministry/Welcome Savannah Party. We have always felt so supported in ministry by St. Timothy's and have always been encouraged by both your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We certainly enjoyed our time "learning how to be Anglican" with you all and will always remember the role that you played in our formative time in Vancouver both in teaching Andy the roles of a priest and by journeying with Katie in her role at A Rocha. We are grateful for you all and will always remember what you gave us.

Thank you for your encouragement, your cheers, your support, your hope and your anticipation regarding what God is doing here in Victoria through the church plant. We hope that you continue to follow what unfolds and pray that it will be a beautiful story, full of encouragement to you. We will do our best to testify to His faithfulness and look forward to many of you visiting and seeing the fruit of your prayers over the years. We encourage you to stay with us in prayer and in hope, as we look for any way possible to bless Victoria and to pass on this true and historic faith to the next generation. May this humble and great work bring you joy and may you always remember the way that God used you to be a part of it and may it encourage you.

Thank you for the cash gifts and the beautiful communion set. We hope that you remember this gift and the many mouths that will drink and taste of the Lord's great goodness and unending grace.

Our hope for you is that you would not only remember your partnership with us, but that you would always be a "sending church." That you would raise up other "Father Andys" and send them into the world for His Kingdom.

Don't forget us. Keep a "hand on the throne of the Lord" for us. May your time and resources poured into us not be in vain, but be for His Name's sake in Victoria and beyond.

Also, Savannah says thank you for her stroller and looks forward to the many rides outside marvelling at God's good creation. Thanks for receiving her with joy with us. We love her so much and are so glad and so proud to share her with you.

Follow what is happening at Table Church (our new name!) in Victoria at www.churchplant.ca and to be on our prayer list e-mail us at victoriachurchplanters@gmail.com.

With sincere love and thanks,

Rev. Andy, Katie and Savannah

Wardens' Update – June 2009

Ah, spring. A time of rebirth and renewal as our part of the earth responds to the higher, warmer sun with an explosion of new growth. Certainly this is the fitting time of the year to celebrate Easter – the death and new life of our Savior Jesus – and His most wonderful gift of the Companion the Holy Spirit to us. What would life have been like before this gift? It is such a part of the fabric of our daily lives. Individuals, societies and even civilizations cannot gauge the impact. As ripples from a cast pebble spread across a pool of water and rebound from the boundaries, so have Christianity and the Holy Spirit encompassed humanity reaching the ends of the earth and reverberating back. The Good News hasn't changed. The Message remains the same.

We celebrate St. Timothy's 5 year anniversary this June. Our first Warden's Report in September 2004 asked, "So what has happened to bring us to where we are today?"

When we started we were an unformed loose coalition of a few local parishes opposing the blessing of same sex unions. We (at St. Martin's) were the first church Bishop Ingham took action against; changing the locks, seizing the buildings and trust funds, firing the trustees Jim Burns and Chris Vondette, all this after

creating a situation where our priest had to, in good conscience, resign. Suddenly, wrenchingly, we had no priest, no church, no property or assets, only each other. We met for worship Monday nights at a gracious and hospitable local church that allowed us the use of their premises. The courageous and honourable pastor of that church is no longer there. We began to learn how to pray earnestly from a position of need. We prayed over our afflicted in our congregation; we laid on hands, we anointed them with oil. And our faith deepened. Faith flourishes in adversity. And we were heard. We enjoyed the administrations and admonitions of guest preachers. +Barclay Mayo, +Ed Hird, and +Paul Carter were the most frequent although others made more than one contribution. A priest often asks how to attract more congregants but our problem as a congregation was how to attract a priest!

So we got our business matters organized, +Paul Carter agreed to minister to us, and we moved to the Harvest Project building and St. Timothy's became known as "the Harvest Project Church". It was small and cramped with low ceilings, the air was stuffy, we had to sit on other's laps at times, set our projector screen on a desk behind a partition, borrowed an electric

organ - and our faith grew. Eventually we contracted for the Lynn Valley Community Center facility where we still meet today. +Paul Carter taught us the three principles of time, talent, and treasure. He taught us why we should tithe and what we could look forward to – what is promised in the Bible. He spent many hours in sessions of planned, well-structured organizational meetings in a basement with church leaders. +Paul left when +Ken was ordained and founded our first missionary church; Immanuel. Our second ordination, +Andy Withrow is now working on our second missionary church.

Today the parishes of the ACiNW (which we were a part of until our situation at St. Martins became untenable) and the Diocese of New Westminster are being heard in secular court, a day they and others have awaited for five long and difficult years. The courts will decide matters of trust and property. Whatever the courts decide will precipitate decisions by other parishes and

Diocese(s) across Canada and perhaps the USA.

Today we at St. Timothy's are one parish of over 700 congregations made up of around 100,000 people. Together we are eleven founding organizations, some over 130 years old, meeting this month to sign the documents bringing the new Anglican Church in North America (ACiNA) into being. Order is coming out of chaos based on mission principles rather than structure – based on the Good News, based on the Bible. This is what the GAFCON Primates called for. Today we are no longer dispossessed & disenfranchised. Our members today are from many religious backgrounds, some Anglican, some not. Know that a church grows when it is blessed. Know that a church spreads its seed when it is blessed. We are blessed.

May God bless you.

-submitted by Nancy Vondette, Ron Barrett, Wardens, St. Timothy's Anglican Church, June 2009

New to St Timothy's

We are delighted to report the following recent addition to our congregation:

On 27 April 2009 Alastair Kenneth Charles was born, just after 3 am. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and on Sunday 7 June he was baptized by his grandmother, Rev. Hilary Owen at St Timothy's morning service.
Congratulations to Samantha and Richard!

Sharyn's News from Burkina Faso

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Dear friends,

For the benefit of you not receiving my email updates, this letter will be a little longer than ones I have sent in the past. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since my last newsletter and I very much want to bring you up to date on what God has been doing in the Buamu project and in Burkina Faso, as well as how he has been leading me as I look to the future.

On the home stretch!

Two years ago, there was a new addition to the Buamu team. Emmanuel Bonzi, a mother-tongue speaker of Buamu and a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church pastor, joined the team as exegete after completing his theological studies at the seminary in Abidjan. Over the past couple of years, he has gained experience working with Charles and Simon on the translation and, for the past year, the responsibility for the remaining exegetical work has been his. It has always been the plan to hand over the project to national leadership once the necessary personnel was in place. This is now possible and I am in the process of handing my responsibilities as project leader over to Emmanuel as well. Am I leaving the Buamu project? No – at least not yet. I will continue working on the various linguistic tasks that still need to be completed, and otherwise serve the team in an advisory role through to the typesetting of the New Testament. Since Emmanuel joined the team, we have been able to make good progress -- something my frequent absences for various Branch responsibilities made

difficult. He is now working on Galatians, the only book of the New Testament not yet translated.

The goal is to typeset the New Testament in the first half of 2011!

Pray that the Lord would protect the team as we draw near to the finish line.

What remains to be done?

Once Emmanuel has finished his exegesis, Charles and Simon will prepare the first draft of Galatians in Buamu. Romans, 2 Corinthians, Hebrews, and eventually Galatians, need to be tested and revised, and then translated back into French so that they can be checked by a translation consultant. (This needs to be a fairly literal translation of the Buamu so that the consultant, who doesn't know the language, will be able to follow the words and grammatical structures used in the Buamu translation.) Testing and revision of Romans and 2 Corinthians is in progress now. In addition to these remaining books, the team will need to prepare a glossary and any other materials (e.g. maps genealogies, etc.) that will be included in the printed New Testament. A lot of checking also needs to be done to ensure that key Biblical terms are translated appropriately (some of these have changed over the life of the project) and that parallel passages that are the same in Greek are also the same in Buamu – and those that are different in Greek are also different in the same way in Buamu.

Literacy

Honoré continues to promote literacy throughout the Buamu area. Over the past couple of years, we have focussed on working together with local associations that wanted to open literacy classes in Buamu. In this way, we have been able to multiply the resources that we have had at our disposal. We have been primarily responsible for supplying the books and training personnel, but most of the literacy classes have been operated by other

associations. A number of literacy workers have been trained in translation principles and this has resulted in the publication of a number of books on different development themes such as agriculture, health issues and civics. There have also been workshops for writers and Honoré is now working on a couple of books that will contain the stories written by these new authors.

Scripture Use

The Translation Committee has been revitalized under the leadership of Pastor Antoine Tamini. It is now taking an active role in encouraging local churches to support the team and promoting the use of the portions that are available. Again and again, we are encouraged by testimonies such as this one from a local pastor:

“I have just finished preaching a sermon series on the book of James. However, now that I’ve read through the translation in Buamu, I realise that there were some things that I didn’t really understand in the trade language.

I’m going to redo the sermon series, but this time I will base it on the Buamu text.”

The team has acquired the basic equipment and software needed to produce digital recordings locally. Simon and Antoine have recorded the book of James and this is now being aired on some local radio stations. Through these recordings, people not able to read can hear God’s Word. Radio stations continue to ask for material in Buamu. There will be an eager audience once Simon and Antoine are able to record more material. Music continues to be a powerful means of communicating God’s Word. There are now 15 cassettes available containing songs based on passages of the Scripture and the composing group in Ouarkoye continues to meet on a regular basis.

The world beyond the Buamu Project

Since 2006, I have been serving as Chair of the Entity Committee (the local SIL board). During

this time, I have also had the privilege of attending a number of regional and international meetings. This has helped me to gain a better appreciation of how God is working around the world, and how SIL Burkina Faso fits into the bigger picture. In 2005, SIL Burkina Faso made the decision to develop the centre in Ouagadougou as a regional training centre and to focus our resources in this direction. Our principal partners in Burkina Faso, ANTBA (the Burkina Faso Wycliffe organization) and the Bible Society of Burkina Faso, are taking responsibility for the translation and literacy work on the ground. SIL’s strength is in linguistic and anthropological research and training. Our dream is that this centre would be able to support the work of Bible translation and language development throughout the West African region through the training programs we are able to offer. While we made this decision locally, changes have also been taking place at higher levels. Strategies have been developed that require us to plan more globally – for the whole country rather than individual projects – and to work together more closely with key partners. As part of this new strategic direction, we are now developing a comprehensive plan for the work in Burkina Faso together with ANTBA and the Bible Society. Representatives from all three organizations have been meeting regularly since January to develop a strategy for meeting the remaining needs in Burkina Faso and beyond. I have been part of this process and have been greatly encouraged by the spirit of unity that has characterized our discussions. It has also been tremendously encouraging to realize how much is already happening when we look at the big picture instead of just our little corner -- there is currently a translation and/or a literacy program underway in almost 40 languages! One of the outcomes of our discussions will be a project funding proposal that will encompass all of the language work that concerns our organizations in Burkina Faso. As for me, whether we receive funding

for our dreams or not, the relationships we are building and the vision we now share for working together to reach a common goal is worth all the time and effort.

Praise the Lord for strengthened relationships with key partners

Pray that we would continue to listen well to one another and to the Lord as we plan for the future

Where do I fit in all these plans?

That is a good question! Last fall, I attended an "L3 Portal" (L3 = Lifelong Learning for Leaders) workshop in Cameroon. One of the goals of this program is to help participants identify their strengths and understand the kinds of roles that enable them to use those strengths. I worked with a coach to develop a growth plan for the next couple of years and received some counsel as to the kind of role I might consider next. There are a number of possibilities that would fit my strengths and experience, but for the immediate future, I have been encouraged to increase my competency in linguistics so that I might be able to serve as a consultant in that field. This fits well with the strategy that we have been developing as a Branch and, as many of you are aware, my love of linguistics was what drew me to the ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators in the first place. So, 20 years after I left, I'm returning to Canada on study leave to complete an MA in Linguistics. I have been accepted into the program at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC and will begin my studies in September 2009. The program at Trinity Western is attractive for a number of reasons, but one of the key factors for me is that it is close to home. My last extended visit to Canada was in 1998 and I am

feeling the need to reconnect with my Canadian home in a way that is not possible during short visits. I will continue to contribute to

the Buamu project over the coming year from a distance. My studies will equip me to write a better description of the language and I will be able to explore some aspect of Buamu for my thesis topic. I plan to return to Burkina Faso in the fall of 2010 in order to help the team with the final checks and revisions prior to the typesetting of the New Testament.

- **Praise the Lord for the doors he has opened for this sabbatical back in Canada**
- **Pray for wisdom in discerning what must be done before I leave Burkina Faso in July, and for peace concerning what will be left undone.**

- **Pray that the Lord would provide the additional support needed for this study program, which is part of my work in the ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators**

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support across the years. I look forward to visiting with you in the coming year.
With love,



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Reports from our "G"s

Go Report

Go out into the North Shore community

JJ

When we hear the word "evangelism" we have two choices, to be joyful for the opportunity or run away from it. Many of us have attended at least one evangelical meeting before, and had a chance to talk to someone about Jesus. We might be successful inviting someone to a big crowd event but how about in one to one, face-to-face situations? I personally have not had a good experience, and this could be quite common for many of us.

Let us look at the 'big event' scenario. We often talk about "come and see" style evangelism. This works well with big event like a church bazaar, a concert (both traditional choral and contemporary pop music), and not to forget big names (Pope or Billy Graham.) On occasions like this, a place fills with such a tremendous positive atmosphere and one feels quite up-lifted. The hope is, that after experiencing a 'big event', people are more likely come to worship on Sunday just to see what Christianity is really like. Unfortunately, they often feel disappointed because it's just not the same atmosphere or experience. One to one can be worse, because we seem to be losing some of our interpersonal skills

behind our latest technologies. We used to say our personal space was about 3' but for some nowadays it is probably more like, "behind a screen." We live in the society that does not want to reach out and does not want to be bothered. This is just a general idea, but isn't it true?

So, what can we do? Are we giving up? Of course not! We may approach evangelism differently but our focus is still the same. The key factor is the "Presence of the Lord." If the presence of the Lord is duelling richly within us, others can tell the difference. We are different people, since we have Christ-personality replaces our old -self. We live differently from before, not out of the duty but from joyful intention of Christ-like living. As individuals of St Timothy's, we should hope to hear much of "What happened to you? You look different...are you on to something?" from our friends and neighbours. As a community, we shall host events like our anniversary BBQ, church bazaar, and Shrove Tuesday, and the Lord our God will then give us an opportunity for to say, "Come and See."

SDG

-submitted by Jonathan Masahiro. Seiki

Gather Group

Gather all ages into Christian fellowship

The last two and a half months have certainly been a very active and exciting time for the Gather Committee.

You may have noticed that the coffee served at Coffee Hour is different. We have now switched to Rwandan coffee which we freshly grind every Sunday morning. Rwandan coffee beans are also available for purchase at \$15.00 per pound.

It has been suggested that people might want to bring their own mugs from home for coffee hour. This would be environmentally friendly as it would cut down on the use of disposable cups. Please give this some thought.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hazel for all she does in coordinating Coffee Hour. Not only does she ensure we have enough supplies on hand for each Coffee Hour and that there are enough helpers in the kitchen but she also arranges for the cakes we enjoy on special occasions. Thank you, Hazel!

It has been decided that the duties of the Greeters will now be assumed by the sidespeople. Although the sidespeople will now greet people as they enter the church (as well as handing them the service bulletin), it is important that all of us look out for newcomers and make them feel welcome!

The members of Pastoral Care had a training session on May 20th at Sutherland Church and it is hoped that there will be a few such sessions each year. Please let Dara or Myrna know if the Pastoral Care ministry can help you.

We have had two Fellowship functions in the last couple of months. On May 10th, Andy and Katie Withrow returned to St. Timothy's and we held a belated farewell luncheon for them. It was wonderful to meet their daughter, Savannah, and to be able to give the Withrow family gifts to show our love and appreciation. Then on May 17th a baby shower was held for Mary Buhler, daughter of Carly and Grady. We will also be having a joint baby shower for Andreas Larsen and Alastair Macdonald on the afternoon of June 15th. It is wonderful to welcome these young children into our St. Timothy's family!

Every summer the Gather Committee likes to host an afternoon tea to recognize a select group of "special people". This year the tea will be held on July 14th at the Haighs' home.

There are two important upcoming events in the life of our church. The first is St. Timothy's fifth anniversary celebration and BBQ to be held on June 14th. Please plan to attend – this is an important milestone! Looking forward to the fall, instead of our traditional Harvest Supper we are going to join forces with St. Simon's and Immanuel

and hold a Thankful Hearts Dinner and Auction at Sutherland Church on October 3rd. This will allow us to enjoy a meal with our ACiC friends and also raise money for outreach projects.

Please see the Ladies Group report below.

-submitted by Daphne Martin

Ladies Group Report

St. Timothy's Ladies Group has been very busy in the three months since the Easter Newsletter. We were thrilled that we had a few "visitors" come out to hear our speakers – in April Derek Pace from the Harvest Project and in May Paul Butler from the Northshore Youth Safe House. Both speakers gave excellent presentations and were able to explain about the work they are doing on the Northshore to help families and youth that are having difficulties. During the year as we hold our various fundraising activities we will have pamphlets and information available, which will help us explain the wonderful work that is being done on the Northshore – on our doorstep so to speak!

Due to great generosity of our congregation, the Lenten Awareness raised \$732 for Rwanda.

Our "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner" is obviously a popular event in our St. Timothy's family. We had 35 people participating with some attending two or three dinners. If you did not attend this year, watch out for next year's menus – it will be hard to beat the success of the salmon, chicken and lamb dinners and of course the famous Taunton's wine tasting

evening – What fun! With the five events held over a period of three weeks we raised in total \$2,215 for our Vision Fund. Thank-you to all who participated and were so generous.

In May we participated in the Delbrook Seniors Hub Sale, funds raised were donated to the Northshore Youth Safe House and we held a games evening at Churchill House where money was donated to the Rev. Canon Barclay Mayo to help him with his new position as Canon Missioner which is in addition to his job as rector of his parish.

We will not be meeting during the summer, but will be back on our usual 2nd Monday slot in September. Hot on the heels of summer though, we will hold our Annual Garage Sale at The Haighs' – please save ALL your treasures big and small for our garage sale.

Drop off will be as usual on Thursday 10th September 5:00-9:00p.m. followed by drop off and sorting on Friday 11th September 9.00 onwards with the Garage Sale on Saturday 12th 9:00 -1.00p.m. Please mark your calendars. All proceeds to The Harvest Project

In the spring, Ursula Vondette, suggested that it would be beneficial to have a joint event with some of the other ACIC churches, just to get to know them a little better. We followed this up with St. Simons Ladies Group and came up with the idea of holding a combined dinner/auction in the fall. After a couple of meetings with St. Simon's and Immanuel Churches we have come up with a most exciting Fall event – Thankful Hearts Dinner Auction to be held on Saturday 3rd October 2009. Tickets will be on sale (Linda Taunton) and please watch for details. Transportation is the theme and proceeds will be used for a van for Mexico for Steven Monks in Mexico and for Partners in Hope in their transportation needs as many of their clients need food boxes delivered and clients need transportation to doctor and dentist appointments. Steve has visited and spoken at our church on numerous occasions and works at the mission that Rev. Ken, Rami and the Barretts' and our youth group have spent time with. These are two organizations that all three churches have been supporting over the years.

We do thank those of you who make jam and mince meat, recycle cards and sell them and then donate all proceeds back to the Ladies Group. This amounts to several hundred dollars each year which we in turn donate to the various organizations. Ursula

asks that please keep this in mind during the summer to continue to knit, sew and do your crafty specialities and bring them to our craft sales which will be held in November. Thank-you to all who participate, both in making and purchasing!

“THANKFUL HEARTS” 
EVENT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2009
 START AT 6 PM WITH DINNER @ 7 PM
 DRESS: DIAMONDS OR DENIM

DINNER & AUCTIONS
 ONLY 100 TICKETS AT \$20 EACH

TO BE HELD AT
SUTHERLAND CHURCH,
 NORTH VANCOUVER



PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY TO PROVIDE NEEDED TRANSPORTATION FOR TWO DIFFERENT OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS:

1. **MEXICO—**
MEXICAN MEDICAL MINISTRIES
2. **VANCOUVER—**
PARTNERS IN HOPE

A VAN IS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN IN MEXICO TO THE MEDICAL CLINICS; UPKEEP OF VEHICLES IS ESSENTIAL IN VANCOUVER BOTH FOR TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD CO-OP DELIVERY

For tickets please contact one of the following:
 Val Hall, St. Simon's NV at 604-980-0861, hall@mithril.ca
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“WHEELS FOR OUTREACH”

-submitted by Audrey Haigh

Grow Reports

*GROW: to become more like Jesus
Christ
Sarah Lucas*

Nursery:

The Sunday school wants to thank all the volunteers who taught our youngest members of the church this year. Thank you to Ryan Barrett, Jennifer Kincaid-Smith, Andrea Nader, Lucy Collings, Patricia Young, Samantha MacDonald and all parents that came to be with their little ones. A special thanks to Carolyn Edwards who works tirelessly on the lesson and crafts.

We have had a fun year of learning about many bible stories. We just completed learning about Noah's Ark and next will be studying about the Holy Spirit, the church, and prayer.

This summer Sunday school will have no formal lessons but volunteers can be creative and fun with the children.

Volunteers will be giving a gift of rest to all the teachers and giving the children the opportunity of getting to know others in the church. Please contact Andrea Nader to sign up for a Sunday in July or August.

We thank God for the increase in attendance and growth of the children. Each Child is a joy. All are welcome, come and join us.

-submitted by Sonya Bell

Sunday School and Youth:

As we enter into summer, our youth group will come to an end. St. Timothy's Youth will still meet for fun events such as paintball, waterslides, camping, summer camp, and concerts.

The past couple months we have connected with Sutherland church with their KGB event, it was a lot of fun hunting down groups of youth that were on route to Sutherland church from Edgemont Village. As Phil and I are still playing for Sutherland team we are currently undefeated and will soon be moving into cup play.

I would like to thank Ron and Dara Barrett for hosting a youth "guess who's coming for dinner", we had a lot of fun and you served us amazing food. Thank You very much.

We will Resume Youth group again in September, however our youth group will change dynamics and we lower the age and bring in younger people as the majority of youth are now graduating. The youth group will consist of grades six, seven, eight and nine.

Please keep our Sr. Youth in prayer as they move into post secondary, and our Jr. Youth as the move in to High school and their grade seven years in their schools.

Thanks you for your prayers and your constant support

-submitted by Eric Park:

Adult Education:

Small groups continue to flourish, but will now, except for the Tuesday breakfast meetings and the Walkie/Talkie group, break for the summer months to resume in September. We encourage those members who do not currently participate in a small group to consider joining one of the six existing groups. If you find that none of the scheduled small group discussion times works for you, please let me know so that we can try to schedule a group that would accommodate your needs. A special thank you goes to all our small group leaders.

If you have any topic for small group discussion/Bible study that you would like to see explored, please let me know. We want to provide topics you feel would be helpful to your spiritual growth.

-submitted by Sarah Lucas

St. Timothy's Film Ministry:

Films recently added to the collection include:

Rachel Getting Married

Sitting through a movie about sibling rivalry at a wedding, especially one starring the doe-eyed and normally facile Anne Hathaway, sounds like a potentially painful way to spend an evening. However, as directed by Jonathan Demme and written by Jenny Lumet (Sidney's daughter), this

2008 drama is not a lightweight star vehicle à la Julia Roberts circa 1997 but a darkly realistic look at the dysfunction within a family thrown into disarray. Using an almost cinéma vérité style, Demme explores how a wedding reopens old wounds within a family in a naturalistic way made all the more palpable by the emotional acuity in Lumet's screenplay. This film beautifully explores issues of redemption and forgiveness. This film is rated R for language and sexuality.

Millions

From legendary director Danny Boyle comes "a family film of limitless imagination and surprising joy!" It's holiday season and seven-year-old Damian believes he's received a divine gift from above when a suitcase filled with cash literally falls out of the sky. Damian is anxious to share the wealth with those less fortunate while his fun-loving brother Anthony would rather spend it like there's no tomorrow! But when the loot turns out to be stolen, both the boys' plans are put to the test—with heart-warming and hilarious results. This film could provoke and interesting discussion on the Christian's role with charity and giving to the poor.

Slumdog Millionaire

Winner of 8 academy awards, including best film, this film is directed by Danny Boyle (Millions). A Mumbai teenager, who grew up in the slums, becomes a contestant on the Indian version of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" He is arrested under

suspicion of cheating, and while being interrogated, events from his life history are shown which explain why he knows the answers. This film explores issues about poverty, choices, survival and love.

Savages

Starring award winning actors Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman, this film is about Jon and Wendy Savage who are two siblings who have spent their adult years trying to recover from the abuse of their abusive father, Lenny Savage. Suddenly, a call comes in that his girlfriend has died, he cannot care for himself with his dementia and her family is dumping him on his children. Despite the fact Jon and Wendy have not spoken to Lenny for twenty years and he is even more loathsome than ever, the Savage siblings feel obliged to take care of him. Now together, brother and sister must come to terms with the new and painful responsibilities with their father now affecting their lives even as they struggle with their own personal demons Lenny helped create. This film explores issues related to caring for aging family members, facing life's trials, and coping with death. This film is rated R for language and sexuality.

-submitted by Patricia Young

St. Timothy's Church Library:

Summer holidays are just around the corner, and what a great time to pick up a book or two from your Church Library for

reading during those balmy evenings ahead.

I encourage the church children and youth to check out some of the books, now that school is almost over --- more time to read and grow as a Christian over the holiday months. During the next few months the Church Library will become "reorganized", with new selections from the many donated and new books that have been received --- and have yet to be catalogued. The Church Librarian has got a busy summer ahead of her ... <smile>

I also am calling an "amnesty" on any books borrowed in the past, that have not yet been returned to the Church Library. If you have any of those books lying around the house, or on your bookshelves, please bring them back for others to enjoy. Have a great summer reading some great Christian books. Check out your Church Library, today.

-submitted by Monica Craver

Updates on Anglican Communion Court Case

Because the recent Court Case involving local churches of our previous Diocese is ongoing and a final decision will not be made for some time, please follow proceedings on the web site:

http://www.anglicannetwork.ca/legal_updates_0509.htm

Give Report

Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

St. Timothy's Church continues to provide support for a number of very worthwhile and important ministries and services at local, national and international levels. This year, the Give team focussed on ways of providing support on two dimensions: the various ministries that can be supported (health care, evangelism, mercy ministries, education, environment, church planting, church resourcing, stipends for visiting speakers) and where the support is used (e.g., local, national and international).

In 2008, St. Timothy's provided support for the following ministries:

- Funding for 16 students to attend school in Rwanda
- Support for the Mexico missions team
- Support for Simon Neill at Emmanuel Church
- Support for Andy and Josh with the Victoria Church Plant
- Support for Arocha and the Arocha Auction
- Partner's in Hope Christmas Stocking Program
- Winter Conference Travel Bursaries

Even with the outreach and support that was provided in 2008, there was still money left in the 2008 Give Team budget to provide support for the Harvest Project and to help pay for a motorcycle for Reverend Nsabimana Callixte in Rwanda.

In 2009, Give Team has proposed and church council has approved support for the following:

- Stipends/honoraria for visiting speakers
- Harvest Project
- Funding 16 Students in Rwanda
- Support for Victoria Church Plant
- Arocha
- Support for Arocha Auction
- Partner's in Hope Christmas Stocking Program
- Winter Conference Travel Bursaries
- Donation to Lions Gate Hospital Paediatrics Ward

God has certainly blessed St. Timothy's and it is with great joy that we are able to pass some of those blessings onward to these wonderful ministries.

-submitted by Rami Nader

Thanks to Joan Buss for:

Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine!

Report from the Editor

Five years is a long time in our corporate life ! Do you recall the Monday night services at St Andrew and St Stephen's Presbyterian Church after we realized that we must take a stand. What support we had from visiting clergy and from other denominations as we struggled to plan our next move. Then onto Harvest Project for Palm Sunday 2004, where we had to rearrange the furniture each Sunday, strap a projector to a roof support, balance a screen on top of office dividers and fire up the borrowed organ from Bill Bournes. We were so fortunate to have the services and skills of Rev. Paul Carter who focussed our meagre resources on establishing the structure of our "church" as we know it today. We were blessed with the whole Carter family's involvement not least for Lois's skill as organist. In the background much paperwork was needed to establish St Timothy's as a legal entity, much thanks to Ron Edwards and Chris Vondette. At Christmas time, in particular, Harvest Project overflows with donated goods, which was the motivator for us to look for new premises and what a find we have in our present Lynn Valley Recreation Centre! Many hands, most particularly Gordon and Ron Barrett created our fold up furniture and cupboards to hold our holy hardware and we accumulated our sound system and video projector through Matthew Vondette's experience, and finally purchased a "Church Organ" keyboard complete with pedals and Chancel accoutrements . Along the way, we picked

up a Deacon who has now become our Senior Priest, a youth Leader (thanks Rita and Eric) and a Choir Director/Organist. Throughout our life, we have always managed financially very well, have supported many outreach ministries and accumulated a nice nest egg for future development. Small group bible studies, prayer groups and many social activities have encouraged all members to grow in faith and the commitment of our congregation to support all church related activities continues to be amazing. May we continue to be blessed as we head towards our first ten years in His service

-submitted by Peter Haigh



**! Our first Bishop and Priest
Bishop T.J Johnson and Rev. Paul
Carter**



Monday Evening Services at St Andrew and St Stephen's Presbyterian Church



Baptism at St Timothy's (Harvest Project) 2004

Prayer for Today

A Few Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer

I cannot pray **"Our"** if my faith has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot pray **"Father"** if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.

I cannot pray **"who art in Heaven"** if all of my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray **"hallowed be thy name"** if I am not striving with God's help to be holy.

I cannot pray **"thy kingdom come"** if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.

I cannot pray **"thy will be done"** if am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray **"on earth as it is in Heaven"** unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray **"give us this day our daily bread"** without expending honest effort for it, or if I would withhold from my neighbour the bread that I receive.

I cannot pray **"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"** if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray **"Lead us not into temptation"** if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray **"deliver us from evil"** if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.

I cannot pray **"thine is the kingdom"** if I am unwilling to obey the King.

I cannot pray **"thine is the power and the glory"** if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.

I cannot pray **"for ever and ever"** if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray **"Amen"** unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer".

Jokes

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently his five-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said, "Glory be unto the Faaaather, and unto the Sonnnn. . . and into the hole you goooo."

A group of Canadians from Saskatchewan were in Melbourne, Australia. They were in a restaurant enjoying some Australian cuisine. A nearby Australian, hearing an accent approached the Australian table and asked them where they were from. A Canadian replied "We're from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan!" The Australian returned to his table and was asked "Where are these people from?" He replied they are from Canada and they don't speak English!

No Joke!

CELL PHONE vs. BIBLE

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to the kids as gifts?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go, "hmmm", where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus paid the bill.

Think about it!

PRAYER CANADA: Open Doors in the District of North Vancouver (DNV)

On Wednesday, February 11th at 11:30 am the door was open, for the first time, at the North Vancouver District Municipal hall for a Prayer Meeting. Prior to that, early Tuesday morning meetings were being held in a private home for several years, praying for that eventful day. Meetings **are being held at DNV Hall every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1 pm.** Every prayer meeting starts off with a "word". At the initial prayer meeting, that word was "Unity", and the original eight people who met that day, prayed for the people at DNV were given the words: "love them with a pure heart". The Lord moved, opened the door and the people entered in on a foundation of prayer. Prayer Canada began with a vision given to Arne Bryan 32 years ago.

(info taken from the "Prayer Post Courier" March 2009 Newsletter) .

I have since joined with this interdenominational Christian prayer post, praying for God's blessing of our local, provincial, national and international leaders, and that they will be instilled with the wisdom that comes from knowing our Lord. Anywhere from four people upwards meet at District Hall every Wednesday. We hope to have at least twelve Christian people in municipal hall praying regularly, every Wednesday. Each prayer meeting begins with a word and/or a reading from scripture that moves us that day.

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Prayer Canada (<http://www.prayercanada.org/>) was the name given to Arne Bryan by the Lord in 1977, to institute this ministry to "first of all pray for those in authority" as in 1 Tim.2:1-4.

Since that time, Arne and his wife, Kathie, have travelled from Dawson City, Yukon to St. Johns, Newfoundland, encouraging Christians to form "Prayer Posts" to pray for their leaders. In 1978, Arne led a team of 12 people to visit the Prime Minister, every Premier and the mayor of each capital city in Canada.

His message was to apologise for not praying for them before, as is commanded in scripture and also to challenge them to set aside a room, one noon day a week, for a prayer meeting where Christians could pray. The focus of Prayer Canada is not to start a church, but rather to gather together committed Christians who are dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, who believe in our God who answers prayer and are interested in praying.

The mission of Prayer Canada is to see every community having intercessors who will unite together to form a "Prayer Post". Their goals are to set up prayer meetings in city halls

and/or legislatures. This is a power base for prayer arches to reach across the nation from sea to sea. The potential power of prayer is so immense, it is greater than dynamite. It is God and man working together to destroy the works of the enemy and to rebuild the walls of righteousness.

Arne Bryan has since launched "**Prayer International**" (<http://www.prayer-international.org/>), with the goal: "**To start a global movement of Christians praying for their nations.**"

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On October 25, 2008 Prayer Canada held a Prayer Breakfast for the DNV's Mayor, Council members and all the election candidates at the Northlands Golf Course. I also had the pleasure of attending this groundbreaking breakfast, as I had been praying for this occasion for several years, upon finding out about Prayer Canada's existence. There were several guest speakers who told of miracles and healing coming out of the power of prayer, while the Mayor of DNV, Richard Walton, spoke of his mother's very strong faith in the Lord, and reading from his mother's favourite quotes in the Bible. Ironically, October 25, 2008 also marked this very day, in 2007, that Mayor Walton's mother had passed away "to be with the Lord."

Arne Bryan spoke of his vision of Prayer Canada over 30 years ago: "A giant warrior, with one foot on Seymour Mtn. and one foot on Grouse Mtn. standing over the North Shore, with the our Lord telling him he would raise 12 people to spread the message of Prayer Canada" As Arne Bryan spoke, he moved from the podium and laid hands on the mayor and council members, raising them up in prayer and thanking the Lord for them and their willingness to serve. Then the rest of those attending the breakfast also joined, standing around the Mayor, Council and candidates, blessing them. Joy filled the room and blessings and anointing flowed, and people were filled with thankfulness.

Please do not wait to start praying over having a Prayer Canada prayer breakfast for the Mayor and Council members of your own city, if you do not already have a Prayer Canada Post. Thankfully the Lord's symphony of blessings is eternal.

(some info taken from the "Prayer Post Courier", December 2008 Newsletter).

Please check out the Prayer **Canada/International websites** for more information.

-submitted by Monica Craver

Parishioner Profile: Jonathan and Rita Seike

Jonathan was born in Osaka, Japan and has one younger sister, Makiko. His father is a businessman and his mother teaches children with disabilities, but both are expecting to retire soon. Makiko is attending Kyoto University, starting her master's degree in biochemistry. They are a Christian family but generally only attend church services on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.

Jonathan found school in Japan very competitive. Differences were discouraged and no-one wanted to appear different from his or her classmates. Jonathan enjoyed volleyball and swimming and was successful in his studies. In April, 2001, after completing high school, although he spoke virtually no English, he came to North Vancouver to take a 4 year Japanese University Equivalent Program at the Canadian International School on Dollarton Highway. The main areas of study were English as a Second Language and different aspects of Social Science. Initially he hated English and had a great deal of difficulty with it. However, by the end of the four years he had decided to stay in Canada and get married. He is now working in Staples, but planning to attend Regent College.

Rita was born in Hong Kong, where she was brought up with two brothers and a sister. All went well until 1986 when, with many others, her family including her grandfather decided to leave Hong Kong before it came under Chinese rule. In Hong

Kong, the family had run small businesses including crafts and jewelry and her father opened a store in Chinatown in Vancouver. Rita graduated from Carson Graham School, where she had taken Grade 11 and 12. She enrolled at Cap. College, then continued to U.B.C. where she took Asian Studies including Japanese and Chinese, getting her B.A. in 1992.

She returned to Hong Kong and worked in a hotel for a year, then did office work until October, 1993 when she heard that her grandfather was very ill with cancer. She came back to Vancouver immediately expecting to return to Hong Kong in a few weeks, then when her father too was diagnosed with cancer decided to stay. This was an extremely stressful time as her sister was the innocent victim in a car accident and there were several break-ins at the store during both her father and grandfather's illnesses. Her grandfather died in January and her father in February, 1994. Rita returned to Hong Kong to her office position, but in 1996 decided to return to Vancouver because she preferred the lifestyle. She worked at the Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and studied Japanese as she had always been interested in visiting Japan. Through a two-year Overseas Missionary Fellowship project, she left for Hokkaido, Japan in 1998. After 18 months, she had to return to Vancouver for surgery and had a fibroid removed. Having decided to stay in Vancouver, she worked at first for an interior design company, then in an E.S.L.

position and finally in a daycare, which did not work out well.

When Jonathan arrived in North Vancouver he wanted to attend an Anglican church, but had very little English. He e-mailed Ed Hird, but his message was not understood because he did not get a reply. He knew a lady in Holy Cross Church in Vancouver who knew that Rita traveled from North Vancouver to Holy Cross, so she asked Rita to pick Jonathan up and bring him to church. Two weeks later they began dating. In the fall of 2004 Rita began work as Youth Group Leader in St. Timothy's and became involved in all aspects of our church. They were married in Holy Cross Church on April 30, 2005. Anna was born in February, 2006 and Naomi exactly to the day two years later in 2008.

They are both very committed to St. Timothy's and have been involved in

Florence Wilton

several ministries, with Jonathan now on the Church Council as Go leader, one of the more difficult areas. They are most grateful for all the prayer support they received during Rita's disputes with the daycare, when Naomi was so sick after her birth, when they were looking for housing and when Jonathan was seeking a new job. It is wonderful that prayers were answered, to see both children growing so well now and to know that Naomi is gradually getting over her food allergies.

Jonathan had some time off work in May to attend an intensive course at Regent College on discernment. He plans to attend Regent as much as possible in the future. Their many contributions to St. Timothy's are much appreciated as they continue to seek to give of their talents, time and treasure to God's work.

St Timothy's Church Calendar

Please join us!

(Mark your Calendars)

14 June (today) – St. Timothy's 5th Anniversary Barbeque after 10am Service – LVRC

12 September – St Timothy's Annual Garage Sale

3 October – Combined Immanuel, St. Simon's and St. Timothy's, Thanksgiving Dinner & Auction

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