OUT OF THE FISHES MOUTH - OCTOBER 2015

The title of our newsletter refers to the fact that God can provide in unexpected ways. He provided the temple tax from the mouth of a fish for Peter at the direction of Jesus. You, our faithful supporters, have been used of God to provide for our needs and we thank God for you all.

With reduced speaking engagements I was able to focus almost primarily on people this past month. It was incredibly rewarding albeit exhausting and heart rending at times.

Mentoring continues with two more young men joining the group. Y, originally from Iran, worked very hard these past three months fulfilling prerequisite work and was given the green light to continue on the track to joining Immerse next June. This is a church based pastoral training program from Northwest in Langley. If you were to see his texts you would see that he had to translate much of what he read into Farsi first before completing his many assignments. He also accompanied me on many home visits and experienced the joys and challenges of ministering in a broken world. I am excited as God raises up a new generation of Christian leaders. C – from El Salvador joined as did N – from Canada

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." As we have visited many people in the neighbourhood that truth has been underlined over and over. Life is not easy and many people face deep challenges both within and outside the church. It is a privilege to seek to bear one another's burdens but only with the strength the Lord provides otherwise it would be overwhelming. There is only one saviour and it is not me. This past Sunday there were a number of the people from visitation who joined us at church and experienced the warmth of Christian fellowship. It was wonderful to be part of the Compelling Christian Community we are seeking to Create.

We are thankful that the son of our Iraqi friends has been accepted to come to Canada. It was wonderful to see God answering this prayer on behalf of our Muslim friends. Please pray that their family could find an affordable 4 bedroom place near the church so the relationship can continue.





INTERNATIONAL PUMPKIN CARVING

Please continue to pray for our children and grandchildren. They are our greatest treasure and we love them above all others. Pray also for a number of friends who are facing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from the experiences they endured prior to arriving in Canada. May they experience the life changing peace of the Good Shepherd. If another 25,000 Syrians are to be accepted to Canada soon, may the church be ready to receive them and introduce them to the Prince of Peace.