

~January 19th 2025~

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

LUKE 10:25-37

**MISSIONARY NEWS:** 

# Dan and Vera, Serbia

It is our vision that our personal lives, as well as the lives God touches through different ministries, will be the fountain that will water the dry, spiritual ground of Serbia – touching one life at a time.

Danny and Vera were both born, raised, and married in Serbia. During their first year of marriage, they immigrated to Canada; all four of their children are Canadian citizens. Sara and Tamara live in Canada with their families, and Filip and Amenda live in Serbia with their families.

Although Danny and Vera were raised as Christians, they experienced a spiritual renewal during their first years of living in Canada. It was during this time that they felt God calling them to return to their homeland with the intention of sharing the Gospel. They left their business in Canada behind and returned to Serbia in 1986.

Civil wars have split the country of Yugoslavia, forcing them to stay in the region of Serbia, where they speak the language and know the culture. Unrest and war have given them many opportunities to help and serve in practical ways, including talking to thousands of people about Jesus.

The fruit of the Kuranjis' ministry is bountiful. They have led refugees, people living in poverty, and those without hope to Jesus. Their church plant, Christian Fellowship, has birthed other daughter churches.

They also minister to the terminally ill and their families, a ministry that has opened many opportunities to touch individuals and families. The Kuranjis also run successful rehab centres for men and women who are addicted to drugs. What the Kuranjis love most about being international workers is seeing lives changed; a life of ministry excites them despite any challenge that they might face. Although there are difficulties, the price they pay seems so small compared to final results: making a difference.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Sunday School**

Join us for some extra Christian education at 11:10am. We have classes for Grades 5-6, 7-8, and 8-12, and also a University/adults class. Children's Sunday school is also running at the same time in the Chapel basement.

#### Fellowship

Join us in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship between English service and Sunday school. If you are interested in bringing something to share, talk to Anna and Chris Choi.

#### **Matthew on Mission**

The grade 12 class at Maranatha Christian Academy will be going to Guatemala from Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> to Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray for Matthew and the rest of the class as they do some physical labor and also visit students at the Global Shores Opportunities school, and their families.

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

Jr. High Meets at WCAC rectory basement Saturdays at 7:30pm Carmel Meets at WCAC rectory basement Saturdays at 7:30pm 180 Meets on U/W Campus, Saturdays, stay tuned for details Cornerstone Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, see Chris or Lei for details Emmanuel Men's/Women's Bible study and fellowships. Ask any adult members for details.

## **CHURCH INFO**

#### **Board minutes**

The board meeting minutes are available upon request to members. Just ask an elder or pastor.

## Offering

Feel free to give to what we are all doing here at WCAC. You can fill an <u>envelope</u> out and place it in the offering bag. Or, for <u>online</u> giving, instructions can be found at wcac.ca on the English main page offering button.

### **Contact info**

Go to wcac.ca to find contact info for all of our pastors and directions to our church building.

**HELPFUL LINKS** 

## **Alliance Statement of Faith**

http://thealliancecanada.ca/beliefs/

#### Give to the work of our missionaries

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