



2010 Peachland Campus Pastor Report *Derek Koch*

I began my work as Peachland Campus pastor on August 1, 2010 after my family and I completed a one-year missions experience working in Thailand with our PAOC missionaries, Peter and Cavelle Dove.

Prior to leaving for Thailand, I was the Community Pastor at Emmanuel Church. Pastor Ben McGillivray took over most of my portfolio during my departure. Through email contact and upon seeing his work when I returned, it was clear that Pastor Ben had done a great job in maintaining ministry and in some cases building on what was left to him. Due to my portfolio change, Pastor Ben carries on with many of the same responsibilities he had while I was away. I am also thankful to Val Harbour for taking over Emmanuel Advocacy.

I love our Peachland congregation. Just over 60 of us, on average, gather each week on a Sunday morning at Peachland Elementary School for our Sunday morning worship experience. We also provide Sunday School for kids aged 0 – 12 years of age. I am grateful for the amazing team who helps make Sunday mornings possible. The pastors who present the messages, worship teams from West Kelowna and Peachland, our media teams anchored by Steve Antturi and Jamie LeBlanc, our set up and tear down teams led by Jeff Walker and Jamie LeBlanc, the Sunday School teachers and nursery co-ordinators, the ushers and greeters all help bring us to a place where we can worship God more fully. Along with our Sunday morning expression, a number of small groups and prayer groups take place during the week. These become the discipleship foundation of our campus. I am thankful for the small group leaders for taking the initiative in leading groups of people into weekly discipleship. I am deeply grateful to Don LeBlanc and Jeff Walker for representing our Peachland campus on the main church board.

Our campus is not satisfied with maintaining the status quo. We are in constant discussions about outreach ideas, a permanent building site, the future development of Peachland, and our role as a church in the future of Peachland. 2011 promises to be a busy and exciting year.

For me, the last 5 months of 2010 have consisted of visiting Peachland church families, learning the ministry priorities of our congregation, getting back in touch with Canadian culture, and interacting with our Peachland community at large.

Specifically, my responsibilities center around 4 areas: shepherding our congregation, community outreach, being a presence in our community as a representative of our church, and helping to plan for our Peachland campus' future.

I am most thankful for my wife of 16 years, Irislee. 2010 was year of mission, filled with adventure and transition. We have walked through these experiences together and I thank her for her partnership, her patience, and her love.

I look forward to an adventurous 2011 as we work together making disciples for Jesus in Peachland.

Respectfully submitted,
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