



*Building a New Generation of Disciples  
In Riverdale and East Hamilton*

Summer in the City

At Easter we initiated our third Christianity Explored course, which walks students through the gospel of Mark. Four people enrolled and we've enjoyed ourselves immensely. One student is a new believer who came to Christ after spending a week shoulder-to-shoulder with the other men in our church during the week-long renovations at our new location. Jesus used the testimony of their character to warm this man up to embrace Jesus as his Savior.

Another student is a long-time Catholic that is eating up the Bible-study portions of the course, amazed to be hearing for the first time about grace and the awaited return of Christ.

Our other two students are new congregants at Lightway; empty-nesters who decided they needed to go back to the basics on Jesus.

The discussions are lively, the questions are fun, and this little group has bonded very well. Pray for their continued encouragement and for the power to add strength to strength as they grow in faith and service through the summer.

July is the busiest month on the calendar for Lightway. We'll be involved again in Hamilton Impact, July 3-10, a week long mission trip in our city. A team assembled from three churches is taught in world religions in the mornings, visits religious sites in the afternoons,

and takes the evening to do door-to-door evangelism. Last year I was overwhelmed with the positive influence this week had on neighbours and friends in Riverdale.

The next week, July 11-15, is our KidsQuest Camp, an evening camp run outdoors in the park with games, activities, and Bible stories. Last year we had over 100 kids attend throughout the week.

The next week holds our community BBQ: Riverdale Summerfest. We initiated this event four years ago and it now includes representatives from all sorts of community groups. We get to set up a booth with gospel handouts and organize games for families. Last year almost 500 people were in attendance.

Finally, in answer to prayer, we've had a couple join us with a heart for young people who have decided to organize a youth soccer night on Wednesdays in July and August. The dream is to use this soccer night as a springboard into Jr.Hi ministry in the fall.

God has typically given us a lot of opportunity in the summers to reach out to new people, get a better feel for our neighbourhood, and re-establish old contacts. I'm anticipating a similar kind of summer, but this year with



eyes to see how God will hear and answer our prayers for growth and building a new generation of disciples.

Thank you for your support. Please take all these events and people to God in prayer on our behalf. The back of the letter includes some important updates regarding our goals and mission.

Grace and Peace,

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"Do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come." Ps. 71:18

## The First Six Months

Our new location and time has worked out wonderfully, with more visitors dropping in Sunday to Sunday since Easter than we had at the school all last year. The trick is now getting some to stay...!

Our average attendance on Sundays is 35 adults and children. We're continuing to ask God to lead us in growth to see that number reach 55-60 by the end of the year. That would greatly aid us on our way to becoming self-supporting as well as bulk up our volunteer power for ministry. Keep praying that God would *send 20-25 mature believers* to us this year who feel called to make Riverdale their missionfield. Keep praying as well *that God would save 5-10 people this year* who would become part of the Lightway body of believers.

Thank you to all the friends and churches that have increased their support for us this year. Our estimated budget for this year was \$113 000, and as of mid-June we're off the pace by about \$5100. On a positive note, our

congregation's weekly offering has doubled since the end of 2010. *Please consider adding Lightway to your regular prayer list and your monthly missions giving.*

Here are some more specific prayer requests:

- Ask that God would send us a person who is gifted to lead our congregation in worship through music on Sundays
- Ask that God would send us a person with a heart for children who could take over leadership of our Sunday School
- Ask God to raise up a leader for a Jr.Hi ministry in the Fall
- Ask for open doors in newcomer ministry
- Ask for God to make us a church home for newcomer families and a new generation of believers



Above/Below: Outdoor camps and BBQ

Right: Signs in the windows and setting up for Sunday service in the new location



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