



Tis the Season

Upcoming Events

Potluck Dinner: November 28
6pm, FUMC Church Basement

You are invited to come celebrate with the students of Kingcrest on the completion of their Fall term.

Bring a potluck dish to share and come ready to meet some new people!

AGM: December 7
Kingcrest Building

Winter Term

ESL Classes: January 12 - March 17
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 - 11:30am & 7:00 - 9:00pm

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Exploring Christianity Together

John Heinrichs, Volunteer

Driving to lead the discussion for Exploration Christianity meeting at Kingcrest I am excited and apprehensive. I look forward to meeting ESL students from various parts of the world with very diverse backgrounds in education, economic status, knowledge of Christianity and competence in English. As I think about the class I sometimes reflect on the difficult experiences my own parents went through as new immigrants to Canada, and I long to make these few hours together with ESL as students something worthwhile for everyone.

I have enjoyed these sessions in the past because the people were often more open to sharing what was going on in their lives than were many of my friends. It seems to me that because for some of them times are difficult, they are more willing to make themselves vulnerable. Perhaps because they are not as fluent in English as in their mother language they are more willing to express what they feel and think, as they struggle for just the right word, and then miraculously, their facial ex-

pressions tell me more than words ever could.

The sessions on Exploring Christianity usually start informally with people mingling and then sharing a dinner. The sharing of food allows the regulars to catch up with each other and the newcomers to become acquainted. It makes people feel comfortable with each other and more willing to participate in the following discussion.

Once dinner is finished we get out the Bibles and get down to business. But business is the wrong word. We get intentional in studying some portion of Scripture and reflecting, pondering, and sharing how it applies to our lives. My hope and prayer is that opening our lives to each other, to the scripture and to the working of the Holy Spirit will affect our lives, my own as much as anyone else's. Sometimes in the middle of the discussion I am dismayed that my questions are not appropriate for the level of English that people possess but then I am immediately encouraged by people's willingness to listen to me try

again to express better what I'm saying. Their patience is remarkable. Too often I talk too much. But then someone responds with words that open a window to their lives and to their walk of faith and I feel immensely blessed. Seeing their faith lifts my spirit.

One especially meaningful example of this was the class's response to my ice-breaker question of "What is one thing you love?" I expected such responses as soccer, my daughter, great music etc. Without any prompting nearly all of them, sometimes struggling for just the right words, expressed how much they loved Jesus. Even the woman who was separated by thousands of miles from her eleven-year-old son expressed how Jesus comforted her in her hours of despair.

When I drive home from these sessions of Exploring Christianity I am exhilarated, because in spite of some misgivings of how I lead the discussion I have learned more about trusting Jesus in all my circumstances.

Meet Jonathan Li

ESL Teacher, interviewed by Mavis Morrison

I was born in 1990 in Hong Kong, seven years before the handover of Hong Kong to China. I was born a "British subject", and that has had an outsized influence on my values and worldview. Our family came to Canada when I was 6 years old.

I learned English as a second language, and because I was young and in school, I improved in the new language much faster than my parents did. This inspired my decision to teach English to new immigrants.

I attended Simon Fraser University, majoring in Philosophy. My interest in Philosophy was piqued by my interest in both History and Political Science. Using Philosophy to study the fundamentals of things really helped me to bring ethics and knowledge together.

After graduation, I worked for a few months at one of MOSAIC's LINC centres, where newcomers learn basic English. I was an administrative assistant and enjoyed working with new immigrants as well as more permanent residents. At that point, I decided to take my TESOL certification so I could teach.

Kingcrest International Neighbours was recommended to me by MOSAIC. I started at Kingcrest in the 2015 Spring Term.

I've learned to be less concerned with lesson plans and more focused on the students. Adult learners have world experience. They often ask questions that deviate from the lesson but provide valuable teaching moments. It's very rewarding.



Meet Daniel Parra

ESL Student, interviewed by Mavis Morrison

Daniel loves to work. If you ask him what he likes about Canada he'll say the jobs. Here the work is good, the salary is good, and there's enough to share with his family in Mexico. He's one of our "temporary workers" (This term temporary workers make up to 30% of our enrollment).

Daniel was a teacher in his country, but unable to make a decent living at it. He's been coming to Canada since 2007, first to Quebec, then Ontario and finally BC. In Vancouver, he has a construction job which pays better than farm work and better than skilled labour in Mexico.

Do we appreciate our workers from other countries?

Well, Daniel's boss certainly appreciates him and doesn't want to lose him. However, Daniel has tried for 18 months to get a permanent resident permit so he doesn't have to renew his

application every year. Each renewal costs from \$3,000 to \$5,000, between paperwork and lawyer's fees. Until he succeeds, it will be impossible to sponsor other family members. Daniel is a husband, father and grandfather.

Meanwhile, Daniel continues to work, to study English and to hope that someday his wife can join him here. He has made many friends at Kingcrest and attends all our events. He's part of our KIN family.

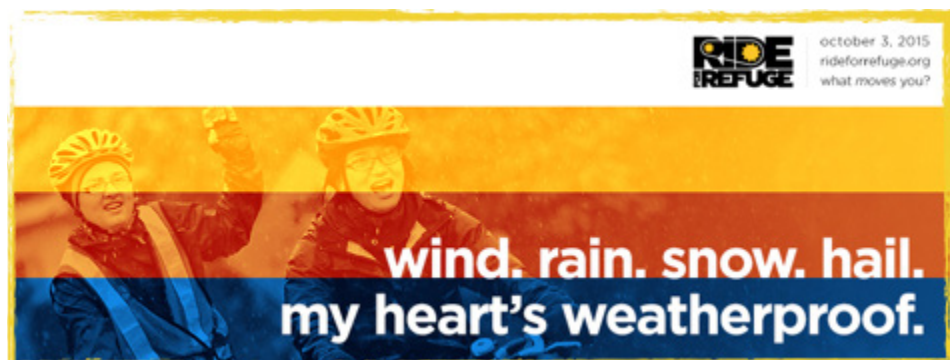


Ride For Refuge

Every year we ride our bikes to raise money to support refugees and newcomers at Kingcrest International.

This year we want to thank our friends and family on behalf of Kingcrest, without their support we wouldn't be able to help.

Total raised: \$3120 | % we are getting: 62.4% | Total payout: \$2,000



Prayer Requests

- Pray for Syrians who are coming to BC and pray for Kingcrest to be able to support them in some way.
- For Kingcrest's financial situation.
- For more students.
- For volunteer teachers.

Chimp For Charities

Christine Collison

Kingcrest International Neighbours is now a member of CHIMP FOR CHARITIES ("Charitable Impact") It offer an easy opportunity tangibly support Kingcrest.

What do you need to know?

- **chimp.net** gives an online method of financially supporting any Canadian Charity.
- You can get an overview of KIN's charitable and business structures through the CHIMP.
- You can make responsible giving choices with this information

How can you use it?

- You can check out the FAQ link (Frequently Asked Questions).
- To register follow the "For individuals" link to set up your account.

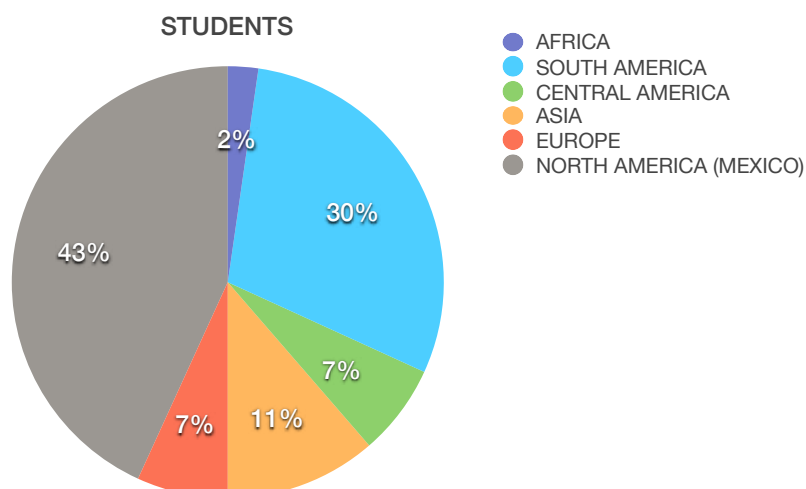
Or, visit our Kingcrest website **kingcrest.ca** and click DONATE, and follow the instructions.

We are delighted that this online giving opportunity is available to you who are already supporting us. We are thankful for each and everyone of you. Together, through prayer, volunteering and giving we can bring God's love and care to a wider spectrum of newcomers to our community. We ask for your support now.



Student Stats

COUNTRIES	STUDENTS
AFRICA	1
SOUTH AMERICA	13
CENTRAL AMERICA	3
ASIA	5
EUROPE	3
NORTH AMERICA (MEXICO)	19
CARIBBEAN	2
TOTAL REGISTERED	46



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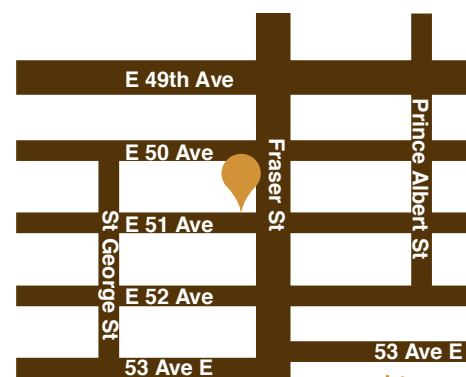
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