

# KINSHIP



KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



## International Potluck Dinner

**Saturday March 24, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

You are invited to come celebrate with the students of Kingcrest on the completion of their Winter Term. Bring a potluck dish to share and come ready to meet some new people and enjoy a great evening!

## Spring Term 2018

### Registration

April 10, 12 & 13

6:00—8:00 pm

### English Classes

April 17 to June 21

Tuesdays & Thursdays

7:00 – 9:00 pm



We want to give a chance to those students who can attend our classes only on *mornings* and we need *you!*

Kingcrest, our English School, is a life changing experience, it will enrich your life and expand your horizons. Please let us know if you are available to volunteer as a teacher *Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am.*

More information: [robertoenrique899@gmail.com](mailto:robertoenrique899@gmail.com)





# First year celebrating birthdays with our students



anyone else to celebrate with. We have found that this action is something that everyone is looking forward to every end of the month, and we

When someone emigrates he/she faces different challenges. The aim during the first months is to adapt to the new language, the culture and/or the labour market. In some cases, they tend to forget or overlook special occasions or simply they don't have anyone to celebrate with. In Kingcrest International Neighbours, even though we are focused on empowering newcomers through the English language, we also value relationship building. There-

fore, since January 2017 we have been celebrating all students' birthdays.

Once a month, we have a 20-minute surprise break and call all the people whose birthday is in that month and give each a special hat. The rest of the students in one voice sing along with "Happy Birthday". That day, the kitchen of the Education Building becomes a celebration

room. The people congratulate each other, with lots of small talk around the birthday topic, and everyone enjoys a piece of cake.

We certainly delight in seeing their amazement and at the same time grateful faces. Some of the students have shared with us that they did not have time to cut a cake for their birthday or did not have

know that is not for the cake but for the special time celebrating together.



*"It was a nice feeling. I was surprised and motivated to keep coming to classes. I felt like I belonged to a group of friends." Adriana Espinoza, pictured on the right.*

*"I think that for everyone the birthday is an important date and we all hope for a little attention on that day, especially me, because my birthday is the first week of January and usually I don't have celebrations or I have to wait until the end of the month. This is an excellent initiative. It took me by surprise." Esteban Aguilar.*



*"Kingcrest International Neighbours is a Christian-based school teaching E.L.L. to newly arrived immigrants and refugees. It has a warm welcome and an*

*open outlook to accommodate all students and make them feel comfortable in a relaxed atmosphere, so much so that since 2017 we have added a new feature of celebrating students' birthdays*

*the last week of every month. This has gone down well, an additional feature to make students feel that they are important", Terri De Silva, volunteer teacher.*

# The excellence of what you do

**W**hat do you do when nobody is around you? What do you do when you are alone at work? What happens when your boss or supervisor is not checking on you? The whole point of those questions is to help you reflect not only on your work ethics, but also in your daily activities. The apostle Paul writes to the church in Colossus to set a high standard of ethics, not only for slaves serving their masters, but also for all of us

who work, study, or are involved in a number of different activities in our life. This what he says: ***“A wife must put her husband first. This is her duty as a follower of the Lord. A husband must love his wife and not abuse her. Children must always obey their parents. This pleases the Lord. Parents don’t be hard on your children. If you are, they might give up. Slaves, you must always obey your earthly masters. Try to please them at all times, and not just***

***when you think they are watching. Honor the Lord and serve your masters with your whole heart. Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. In fact, the Lord Christ is the one you are really serving, and you know he will reward you”.*** (Contemporary English Version, US version)

You may probably think that those words only apply to the slaves in the days of Paul. As you

can see, Paul is not just writing to slaves. He is sending a message to the whole family: husbands, wives and children as well. The whole point and the message of this brief reflection is that whatever we do, we should do it as if we are doing it for God. The higher standard and the excellence of what we do is in doing everything with excellence whether someone is watching or not.

*Jorge Hoajaca (Pastor at First United Spanish Mennonite Church in Vancouver)*

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## Financial Notes:

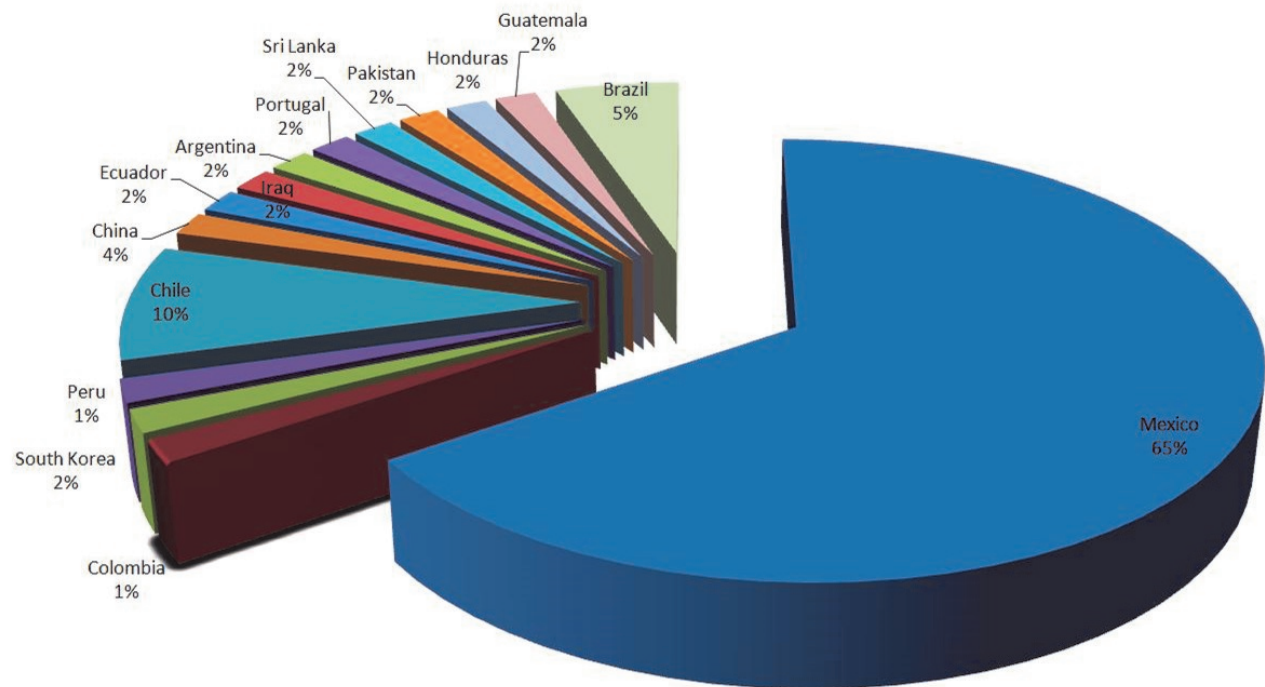
**T**he KIN Board is pleased to report that KIN's financial position has strengthened significantly over this past year of 2017. The Registration revenue generated from our increased student population, as well as continued support from our Partner Churches and individual donors have meant that

in December 2017 we gained over \$9000 from December 2016. On-line contributions through CHIMP.net were also noteworthy in this regard. Our 2017 Fundraisers of seasonal flower-arrangement sales (courtesy of United Flower Growers), as well as our very successful Car Wash &

BBQ and Partner Church Sunday Lunches continue to be key to our financial stability. All of this is rebuilding our savings in recovery from the large deficits of 2014 and 2015. (If anyone would like to see our full financial report for 2017 or a comparison chart from the last 4 years, please contact Christine Collison at [micollis@telus.net](mailto:micollis@telus.net)).

Your continued support in all of these areas will enable KIN to maintain its financial strength, and build into 2018 and beyond. Your participation in KIN's growing ministry is heartfully welcome through our Partner Churches, Special Fundraisers, CHIMP.net and Individual Contributions. Blessings in your prayers and partnership with us in these ways!

# Immigration Categories, Winter 2018



## Kingcrest Vision Statement:

Kingcrest International Neighbours is a Christ-centered Organization that supports and empowers immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors through English Language Learning (ELL) and community-building. All are welcome to come, learn and be loved.

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**6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

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**Christine Collison, Treasurer**

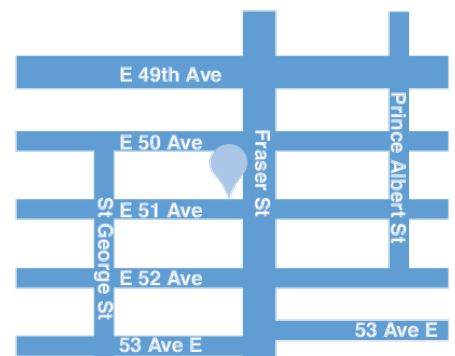
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