

KINSHIP

KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



International Potluck Dinner

Tuesday March 28, 2017 6:30 pm

Come to celebrate with KINGCREST students of Kingcrest the completion of their Winter Term. Bring a potluck dish to share and come ready to meet new people.

Spring term

Registration

April 11 & 13
6:00—8:00 pm

English Classes

April 18 to Jun 22
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Introducing our new KINGCREST Coordinator

Meet Roberto Galdamez

I am always thinking of others, how to help them, and most importantly, to bring smiles to anyone and everyone I know by the grace of God.

I was born in El Salvador during the civil war. My parents made the decision to leave El Salvador and to emigrate to Canada for a better future for their children. I was ten-and-a-half when we came to Canada. I came along with my parents, my two brothers and one sister.

Back in September, 1989, besides being in the cold weather, I was shocked to find that there were not many Spanish-speaking people in Vancouver. This meant for me and my siblings that we had to learn English as soon as possible in order to settle here. I attended Lord Selkirk Elementary for grade 6 and 7, combined with my ESL classes. Then, I went to Killarney Secondary School where I finished my high school.

In the meantime I started attending youth group studies. I was lucky enough that my older brother was the youth leader. He taught me a lot. Church has always been in my life; as I recall, my mother always used to take us to church. God has always been a centerpiece in our family.

I took a course in Business Management at Vancouver Community Col-



lege (VCC). I had many plans, but God worked on a different path for my life. I have worked in different areas which have given me knowledge and experience in working with others. United Flower Growers is the place where I am currently working Monday-Thursday during the day, this is my workplace since 2007; I know what I want, what I need, and work hard to achieve my goals.

My volunteer experience and commitment with my church has also given me much joy and many opportunities being a youth leader, teaching Sunday School, leading Sunday services, interpreting special events and other community activities.

When I heard that Kingcrest was in need of a new coordinator, I was a bit sad and concerned because I appreciate and admire Mavis for her dedicated service, and Emilene

as well. At the same time, I thought that maybe there was something that I could do regarding Kingcrest's Ministry.

Now that I have the opportunity to coordinate Kingcrest International Neighbours, my aim is to help immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors to learn and use the English language as a tool to succeed in this country. I also believe that every newcomer needs more than language training to settle in.

Working at Kingcrest, I can relate to newcomers to Canada. I can understand them because I was also an immigrant and faced the difficulties of a new language and culture.

I know for a fact that God has plans for me, my family and Kingcrest. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Joshua 1:9*, I apply this verse every day in my life, in everything that I do, and my plan is to focus on this verse as my inspiration during my work in Kingcrest.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go".

Joshua 1:9

Friday Night: Exploring Christianity while learning English

Friday Night brings people together to have a time to explore Christianity, and at the same time learn English. At least once a month, Kingcrest students are invited to attend our Conversation Evening, and a guest brings a topic for us to talk about. This is a great time for everyone to

practice their English, and it is also a good way to discuss and ask questions about the Bible. As we know, Kingcrest is a Christ-centered organization and we want to empower our students with a new language. At the same time, we want to open the door for all of those who want to explore

Christianity.

During this Winter Term we had our first Friday meeting on January 20, and the second one on February 24 at the Education Building. Kingcrest students and family members are welcome.

Let's make a difference together!

Thanks for showing your love with Orchids



Kingcrest had the first fundraiser event of 2017, which was organized in the context of Valentine's Day with the theme: "Show your love with Orchids". We appreciate the support from the FUMC, FUSMC and Sherbrook fellowship, as they showed their love to Kingcrest Ministry by buying an orchid plant, while they also made someone happy on this season! This grain of sand means a lot for our students!

We give our gratitude to God, the Father for His love. This Kingcrest fundraiser was a success. God is good! We will be having more fundraiser events, and we hope to have as always your support.

As Jesus said in Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Financial Notes:

THANK YOU to our all of KIN's Partner Churches and several Individual Donors who have given generously at the end of 2016! These gifts are making it possible for our Winter Term 2017 to open on solid financial ground. The committed support of these local churches and all our contributors is enabling us to reach out in new and fresh avenues to our community, in the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

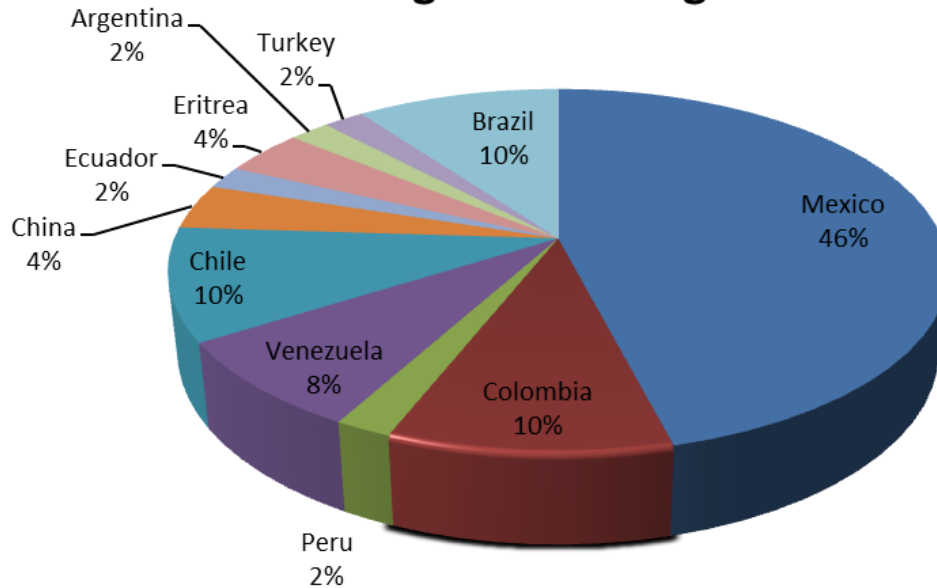
THANK YOU for your prayers and the support of our

volunteer teachers and assistants, as Roberto Galdamez is embarking on his role as KIN Coordinator.

THANK YOU, especially, for your prayers and outreach to our KIN students and families - each one has a unique story!

Your continued financial support is needed to further grow KIN's ministry! Contributions may be made: a) directly to the KIN Office or Treasurer, b) through your church, or c) via CHIMP: Charitable Impact Foundation. You will also be informed of special Fundraising opportunities soon!

Immigration Categories



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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