

KINSHIP

KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



International Potluck Dinner

Saturday June 23, 2018

6:00 pm

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



Fall Term 2018

Registration

September 4 & 6

6:00—8:00 pm

English Classes

September 11 to November 22

Tuesdays & Thursdays

7:00 – 9:00 pm



**Saturday,
July 7**



CarWash and BBQ

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Place: Education Building

660 East 51st Ave Vancouver, BC.

An accessible English School for Newcomers

Kingcrest International Neighbours (KIN) has been welcoming new immigrants and refugees for over two decades and offering accessible English classes to everyone. In our classrooms, the students always have the opportunity to learn English while they build relationships in this multicultural society.

On average, each term we have students from 15 nations. For most of them, this is their first English school after arriving in Canada; therefore, we are known to be a

cradle, a place where newcomers take their first steps into the English language along with making new friends.

We have been able to do this thanks to our partnership with Christian churches and individuals who have a heart for newcomers, as well as our volunteer teachers. Together we have focused our efforts on giving quality English classes, hosting conversational gathering dinners, connecting students with our partner churches, and sharing



information about resources in the community.

Lately, the number of our students has been increasing. In 2016 we had 111 students over the three terms and during 2017 we had 206 intakes. We are grateful because God has

been good and continues to provide the needs of KIN's English School. Also, we celebrate with those students that have overcome the barrier of language and have been able to achieve their goals after the services that we provide at Kingcrest.



Laura Alonso, (middle of the picture) former Kingcrest student: "My experience in the Kingcrest English program was very good. I met friends and people who really want to

help others. The teachers are very patient with students. Kingcrest was my first school

when I came to Vancouver in 2006, and I learned so much. I'm still happy to share with others about this great program. God Bless this beautiful community."



Soraya Canales (Left), former Kingcrest student: "I feel blessed for having had the opportunity to attend this school after my first week arriving in Canada in 2014. Kingcrest

also welcomed my 11 year old daughter. We were classmates. Three years later I had the opportunity to

give back to this Ministry as a volunteer in the administrative area and now I value even more the work of each volunteer and the support that everyone gives to this school."

Do Not Be Afraid

In this world we will have troubles. We will face fears. We fear for what tomorrow brings. We are afraid for our health. We fear for our loved ones in other countries. We fear whether we will have enough money at the end of the month. Some of us fear where our next meal will come from. Some are afraid when placed in new situations. There is fear in moving to a new country. We are afraid of what is around the next corner.

Throughout the Bible, we read about God's people being placed in fearful

situations. When Mary, Jesus' mother, is visited by an angel, she was afraid. When an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to a group of shepherds outside Bethlehem, they were certainly filled with fear. When Jesus' disciples see what they think is a ghost walking on the water towards them, they are frightened. How did God respond to this fear? How does God reach us in our fear?

The angel Gabriel speaks to Mary in her fear and says, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God." (Luke 2:30) The angel of the

Lord comforts the shepherds by saying, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10) As Jesus walks on water towards the boat carrying the disciples, he proclaims, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." (Matthew 14:27) In each of these examples, God comforts His people by telling them not to be afraid.

We can turn our fears over to God, knowing that He will comfort us. Through Jesus, sin and death and all our fears have been conquered. As Jesus is walking on the water, Peter wants to walk to him. While Peter

is focused on Jesus, he trustingly walks on the water. Peter's courage turns to fear as his focus moves from Jesus to the wind and waves. In his fear, Peter begins to sink. But Jesus is right there to reach out to him, to rescue him, and to take his fear. Place your hope and faith in Jesus and he will comfort your fears. In John 16:33, Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble." In our lives we will face concerns and questions and fears. Jesus comforts us in these fears as he continues, "But take heart! I have overcome the world." Do not be afraid.

Darren Lof, May 2018
Ebenezer Church

Daniela Ortiz's graduation speech, Spring 2018



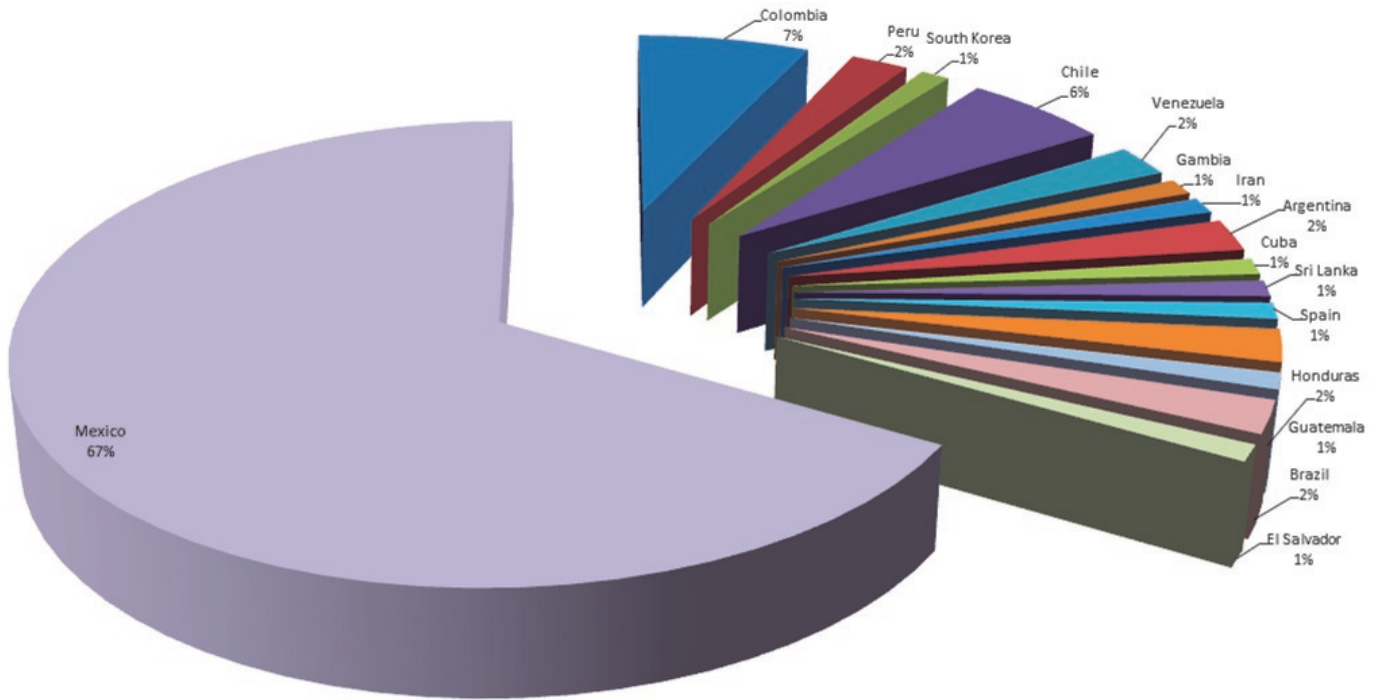
"I'm Daniela Ortiz, from Chile. I came to Canada two years ago with my family. During the first year I couldn't find a place to

study English, every institute was too expensive for my budget. But one day someone put information on the internet about Kingcrest so I came here to know more about the English programs offered here and then I signed up to start studying for the Spring Term in April, 2017. I started in level 2 with Teacher Terry. Then I continued in level 3 with Teacher

Jerusha, I made really good friends from different countries in that group and now we keep in contact on WhatsApp; I finished level 4 during the Winter Term 2018 with Teacher Maxine. In this class I improved my pronunciation, and learned more about grammar. From every teacher I learned a lot and I would like to say thank you for your dedication and pa-

tience, because without you I couldn't be here giving this speech about my experience in Kingcrest. I want to thank every person who make this wonderful place work, especially to Roberto and Soraya. I want to say to all the students who are new to this place to take this seriously and with respect because everyone here makes this with dedication. This is something that has no price."

Immigration Categories, Spring 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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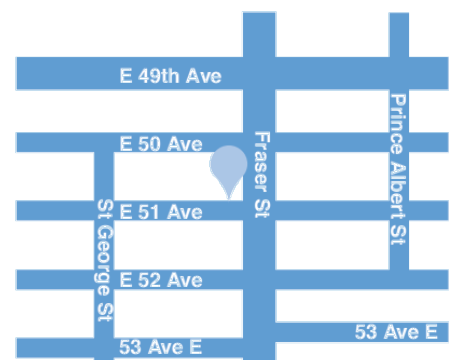
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