

# KINSHIP



KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



## International Potluck Dinner

**Saturday June 24, 2017 6:30 pm**

You are welcome to come and celebrate with KINGCREST's students the completion of their Spring Term. Bring a dish to share and be ready to enjoy and meet new people.

## Fall Term 2017

### Registration

September 5, 7 & 8  
6:00—8:00 pm

### English Classes

September 12 to November 23  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

## Summer Classes\*

Come every Tuesday and learn English while you discover Canada

**From July 4 to August 22**  
**6:30—9:00 pm**

\*Only for students enrolled in Spring Term



**Saturday,  
June 17**

 **CARWASH & BBQ Day**  
9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Place: Education Building**  
660 East 51<sup>st</sup> Ave Vancouver, BC.



# Meet Patricia Sierra, our new volunteer teacher



Level 1 students and Patricia.

I am a new immigrant who came to Canada under the Family Class Sponsorship Program two years ago. Born in Argentina, in the southern half of South America, I became passionate about the English language at a very early age. In 1990, I graduated from University and got a degree in Translation. However, teaching English has always been my passion; and for that reason, I worked as an ELL teacher for over 15 years in my homeland.

As soon as I arrived in Canada in 2015, I started working part-time as a Financial Advisor Assistant, as I also have some administrative back-

ground in Argentina. This is a very rewarding job, which has given me knowledge and experience in helping families and businesses achieve their financial goals and dreams. Yet, I always longed for my days as a teacher. One day, I heard about Kingcrest and their need of

volunteer teachers. Without a second thought, I immediately applied for the position and began teaching adults from different countries. I feel blessed to be able to help immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors not only to learn the language but also to share different cultural experiences and cultivate friendships.

Working at Kingcrest reminds me of all the reasons I love teaching. Every Tuesday and Thursday, I am inspired by a cheerful Level 1 group of students who are brand new to Canada and show real enthusiasm to learn and work hard. They teach

me about their different cultures and languages as well! I deeply appreciate that the students bring such warm fellowship to the class.

Kingcrest International Neighbours is a place with a welcoming and friendly environment. My fellow teachers as well as the staff and its coordinator welcomed me with open arms and immediately made me feel part of the team. I am more than grateful for this experience which fills my life with joy and happiness.



On March 25th, we celebrated with our students the completion of the Winter Term. We shared delicious dishes from different countries and had fun in a night where we recognized the work and effort of all of our students and volunteers.



## Our School events in pictures



We are grateful with our partner churches and the fellowship of FUMC, Sherbrook, Ebenezer and FUSMC for being part in our fundraising during Mother's Day.

# Introducing Yohan B. Sanchez, our new Community Pastor

I was born in Cuba and had the opportunity to leave the country on January 2014 to do research at the University of British Columbia. Even though, I was excited about the opportunity to escape the oppression and persecution that I was going through in my homeland.

The fact that I had to leave behind my wife and 1 year old daughter without knowing if I was going to see them again was really painful. Miraculously God brought them to Canada in less than 10 months on the winter 2014, and since that moment I knew he had a bigger plan for our family.

My commitment to the body of Christ and the community started since I got to Vancouver. At the very beginning I struggled with my English, but when I heard about Kingcrest I decided to join their classes and that helped to improved my English skills.

I also have been involved with Refugee Food Bank for more than two years and more recently, about a year ago I started to help with the Fridays Nights at Kingcrest.

In the meantime I had the opportunity to keep doing antibiotic research at UBC and became the author of several research publications in the fields of Toxicology, Pharmacology and Antibiotics. I also have a patent and have been recognized among the inventors of a new series of antibiotics that will change one day the way we treat infections caused by Biofilms (type of bacteria).

I love God and I love Science because good Science proves that God is not only real but also the author/creator of all this that we are just starting to understand with our minds and technology nowadays.

Although I am still doing business with UBC, after the miracles in my life I knew that I came to this country to serve



Yohan B. Sanchez, his wife and Daughter during an outing with the Ministry "No Man is an Island".

God, share my testimony and proclaim His kingdom to others.

Being part of the above mentioned ministries has been a life changing experience for me and my family. So when I heard about the opportunity of serving as a Community Pastor I prayed to God to open that door for me. Now in the position, I have new ideas and projects in mind about how to help people in a divided and secular society to feel that they belong to a community that welcomes and cares for them.

Some of the projects include a new ministry called No Man Is An Island Community Ministry that seeks to create sense of community among people who either support our services or make use of them like Kingcrest students and Refugees/Newcomers at the Refugee Food Bank.

I want to leave you with a verse from the Scripture that God has written in my heart and it is found on Romans 8.28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose".

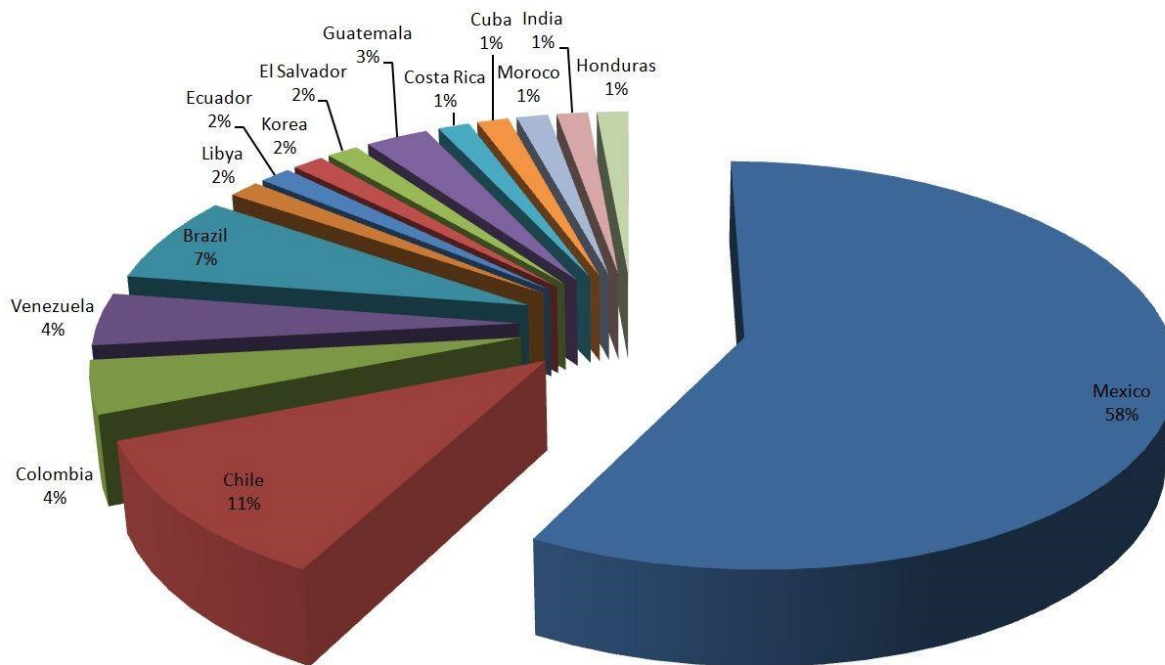


Every month we celebrate together our students' birthdays, this is a way for us to strengthen our relationships of community and friendship.





# Immigration Categories, Spring 2017



## 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.

## Find Us

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