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KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



Upcoming events

Graduation

**Thursday, November 21,
2019 at 6:00 pm**

Come and celebrate with our students the completion of their Fall term. Once again, Peace Church on 52nd will be hosting the community dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Location: Peace Church on 52nd
659 East 52nd Avenue

Winter Term 2020

Registration

January 7 & 9 / 6:00—8:00 pm

English Classes

January 14 to March 19
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Registration Fee..... \$80
Text Book..... \$40

Conversation Café and Pre-Christmas Celebration

Date: Friday, November 22nd

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Community Hub
660 East 51st Avenue
Vancouver

Family and friends are welcome

Please confirm attendance to
robertoenrique899@gmail.com

Meet Sharon Dhavale

My name is Sharon Dhavale and I recently joined Peace Church on 52nd as the Community Engagement Worker. Although my job title may sound long and “serious,” it is actually an incredibly fun position! This means that I have the amazing opportunity to help spread God’s love around this community. I get to help care for the people whom God has placed in our midst with the needs that they may have. I feel blessed and excited to be here!

I came to Vancouver a couple of months ago as a student. Before this, I was in the United States for seven years and in the UK for several months as well. I was born in India and was raised in Hong Kong by Christian missionary parents. Although it can be challenging for me to identity my own home country, I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to live among diverse peoples and have exposure to different cultures. I especially love all the variety of foods that I get to taste



Sharon Dhavale is the new coordinator for Friday’s conversation café, a space where the students can come to practice and improve their English, learn specific topics, gather with students from other levels, and have fun.

and enjoy along the way – yum! Can you believe it? Canada is the fifth country that I have lived in! It has been a thrilling journey! Having many different “homes” can be difficult and tiring, but it also means that I am always learning something new. The fact that I get to meet new people is also special for me. As I have already mentioned, I am here in Vancouver as a student. As a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ, I

get to study Christian Theology while I’m living here. In my classes, I study the Bible and glean insights from it for my daily life. I am so delighted that I get to do my studies at Regent College with Christians who are also eager to learn more about the Bible and about Jesus. But, it is also special that I can learn from my friends who follow other religions and faith traditions. I am reminded that God loves His people dearly

and sees them as His children. In the Bible, we see that Jesus’ friends came from all different backgrounds and situations. Jesus had twelve “disciples” or close friends who spend every day with Him. But, Jesus had many followers too and He loved all of them. He cared for them. Jesus loved His friends. I know that God is teaching me to love all of His people no matter how similar or different they are from me!

I love being a part of Peace Church on 52nd and Kingcrest. Although I have not been here for long, I have already learnt so much. I admire students who come to Kingcrest to learn the English language so that they can be better participants in their Canadian communities. It is amazing to see the dedication and willpower of the students of Kingcrest so that they can have rich lives here in Vancouver. Peace Church on 52nd and Kingcrest loves students and cares for them dearly. It is a great joy and privilege for me to also love this community and Kingcrest students!

Spring graduation in pictures



Introducing our newest volunteers



I'm **Juli Janzen**, I'm 19 years old and I teach level 2 at Kingcrest. I am from Germany and currently spending a gap year here in Vancouver. After my work visa expired I wanted to do something helpful with my free time, so I decided to join Kingcrest. I love foreign languages and spent years learning

them myself, so being at Kingcrest is a combination of pursuing my passion and an act of hospitality. I really hope that I am making a difference for my students, even if it is a small one. I enjoy teaching and seeing my students grow and succeed is a blessing. I am grateful for the chance to spend my time doing something helpful and serving others. It is one way that leads to happiness and satisfaction. I thank the Lord for putting me in this place.

My name is **Aaron Kingslee**. I am from Bangalore, India. Currently I am a Counselling Psychology student and I am working as a Financial Customer service representative. I would like to say that it's kind of Kingcrest to accept me as a volun-



teer. I like to help people and contribute the best I can to the society. I've heard from many great people that teaching others what you know further increases your knowledge. When we serve others, we get served by many.

Learn good things in a language

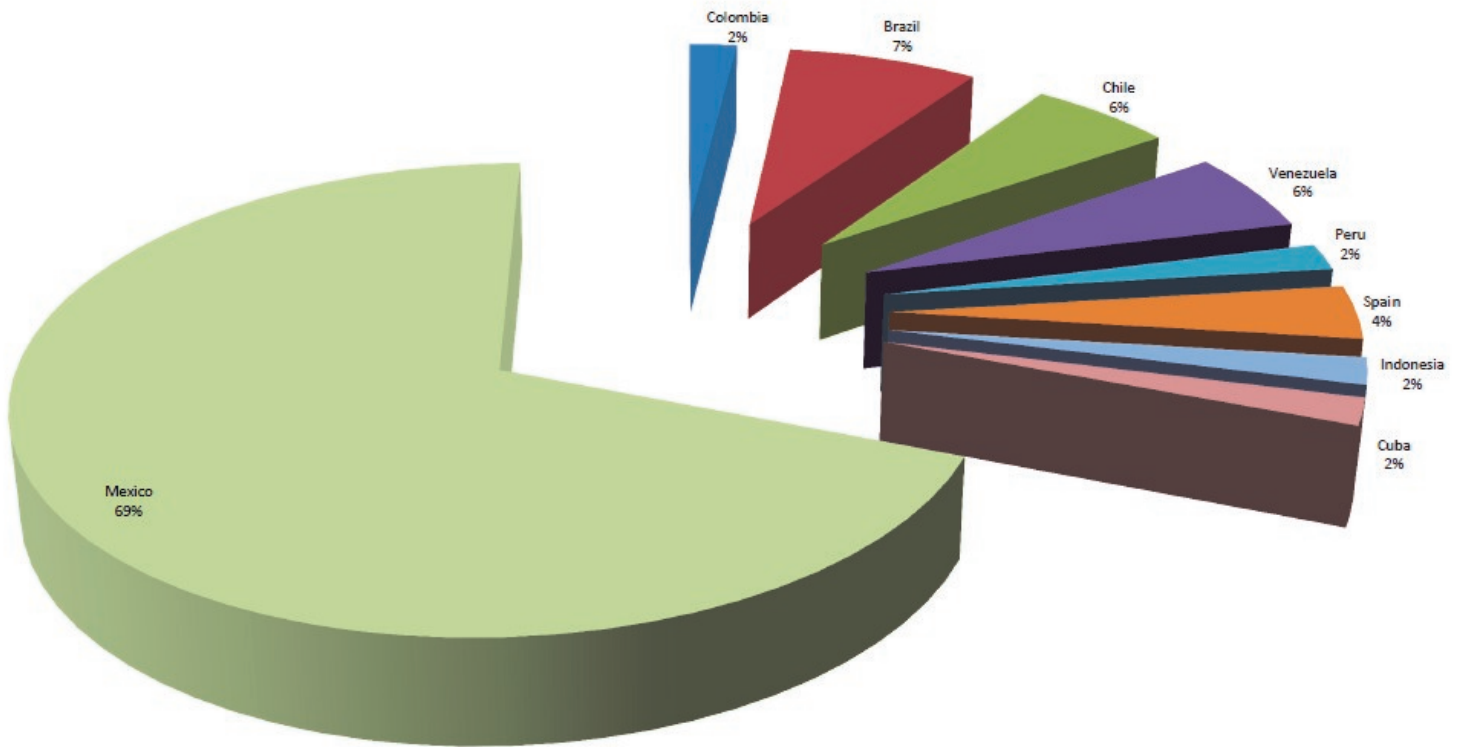
It is a good thing to learn good things in a language in order to maintain a relationship. Let me share an anecdote to elaborate. There once was a Chinese man that went for a business trip to Sony in Japan. Upon his arrival the Chinese man met with Japanese men of the company that welcomed him and took him out to eat. The Japanese had asked him if he knew any words in Japanese. He told them that he did not. So the Japanese taught him a few expressions. But little did the Chinese man know what they meant. He trusted the men without verifying what he was being given. The Chinese man goes to the interview a few days later and does well in the interview. Afterwards he is asked by a couple interviewers if he knows some Japanese after being in Japan for awhile. He responds enthusiastically and blurts out the Japanese expressions he learned before. The interviewers had their eyes widened and were shocked. The Chinese man pronounced foul Japanese words. When he left Japan and returned to China, he received news that Sony did not want to do business with him. Hence, it is a good thing to learn good things in a language in order to maintain a relationship.

Kingcrest has a Christ-centered vision in supporting and empowering immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors through English Language Learning (ELL) and community-building. Kingcrest is a community of people that help various people learn good things in the English language in order to maintain not just a relationship, but many relationships that will benefit them in the long run. It is written, "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be" (James 3:9-10 NIV). The volunteers and staff of Kingcrest use their tongue to bless those that learn English. Their tenacious efforts in teaching English has and will pay off. They will be able to praise Christ our Lord and God the Father. May we all be careful when we learn and hear something in any language. May we take the time to think before we speak. What will you do with your tongue today? Praise God or curse someone made in His image? I hope you will choose to praise God and bless your fellow people.

Amos Bohoussou, Youth and family ministries coordinator at Ebenezer Church



Immigration Categories, Fall 2019



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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