



# Christian Rowland

NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH

## About the Family

I grew up in Okinawa, Japan, where my dad worked for a company affiliated with the U.S. military. Laura grew up in West Africa, where her parents served as missionaries. Laura and I met at our home church in Arlington, Texas, while attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the summer of 2016, we served on Vancouver Island as part of the GenSend program. That's when we both sensed God calling us to plant a church in metro Vancouver. We got married in June 2017 and moved to British Columbia in December 2018.

Laura and I love to explore the many regional parks nearby, welcome people into our home, play Scrabble and listen to audio books while working on puzzles. Our children fill our life with laughter and an abundance of love. Both love being outside in beautiful British Columbia.

## About My Church Plant

God has called our family to plant a multiplying, multiethnic church in Langley, which is part of metro Vancouver. Langley is one of the most rapidly growing cities in British Columbia. The fastest growing religious preference is "no religion," while an increasingly high number of immigrants from around the world contribute to growing Sikh, Muslim and Buddhist populations. It is common during one trip to a community centre to meet young families from India, Korea, China, Russia, Jordan, Turkey and Ukraine.

Since the onset of COVID-19, we have been meeting on Zoom with a small group of people. God has been faithful to us through the pandemic. We are seeing God reap a harvest and expand His kingdom in Willoughby. We are now meeting weekly at a Holiday Inn, and God is stirring us up to rebuild spiritual lives and build up this church.

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

### PRAY.

Pray God will give us the capacity and wisdom to love and serve the families and students that God is bringing into our midst.

Pray God would knit the hearts of our members together in love, especially as we move into a new season of ministry.

Pray God would give us boldness to proclaim Christ and people in our community would come to faith in Jesus.

Pray for REVIVAL and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING across the Lower Mainland and for the darkness to be pushed back by the power of the gospel.

### PARTICIPATE

Pray— Regular intercession is crucial for the work here to move forward.

Give financially— Vancouver is one of the least affordable cities in the world.

Go— Come co-labor alongside us, either short-term or long-term.

Spread the word— If you know of anyone interested in partnering with what God is doing in metro Vancouver, please connect us.

### PROVIDE

Many missionaries build a team to join their ministry in prayer, participation, and provision. These friends, family and churches support missionaries beyond the tithes and offerings given within the church plant. Visit [sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding](http://sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.