



SEND Network

# Abbotsford British Columbia



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MOVEMENT CHURCH

### About the Family

On May 18, Jeanne and I will celebrate our 28th anniversary! What a crazy, beautiful, amazing, global life we have enjoyed. In our journeys, we have lived and served the Lord with Southern Baptists in the U.S., Scotland, Canada and Russia. God has blessed us with two amazing kids, who are now young adults (Melissa and Matthew), and two very happy and fluffy white Bichon Frises named Sam and Ella. Besides the obvious of loving the Lord and loving the people He sends us to, we love Hatch Green Chiles and Southwest Tex-Mex cuisine. We love the outdoors, hiking, camping, fishing, coffee, loose leaf tea, urban life and Westfalia Camper Vans. But what we love most of all is watching Jesus transforms lives!

### About My Ministry

Just a short time ago, we were celebrating a huge milestone, working for the International Mission Board (IMB), for most of the past 20 years. We had been living in Moscow, Russia, only minutes away from Red Square, had learned to speak Russian, and were anticipating many more years of fruitful ministry across Russia, when we were asked to pray about something critical. The IMB asked everyone over 50 (I had just turned 50) to pray about taking an early retirement. At first, both Jeanne and I were a bit annoyed to be honest. Why pray about this? We love Russian culture and people and were very content in our life and ministry there, even though learning Russian was going to be a lifelong battle! And we are missionaries for life—through and through. But in the end, we earnestly asked God if it was time to return home.

Early one Sunday morning, I was bolted out of bed with a word buzzing through my mind—jubilee. Immediately I went to the Bible and began to read from Leviticus 25, which is all about the Year of Jubilee. God called His people once every 50 years to return to their homeland, to live in freedom and obedience, to treat others right, to live without debts, and to celebrate the goodness of God in their lives. For the next three hours, I was glued to the Bible, reading every reference I could find dealing with the idea of jubilee.

The Lord also led me that morning to Ezekiel 37 about the valley of dry bones. "Therefore prophesy (proclaim) and say to them: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel (home). Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open up your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my

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**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Pray specifically for the Lord to raise up workers for the harvest here in Abbotsford. We are looking for four interns to help us plant Movement Church with gifts in these areas: campus ministry, social media/website/technology ministry, worship ministry and evangelism/discipleship training. Pray for our kids. Our daughter Melissa is marrying Jason on April 7, 2018. And our son Matthew is exploring a missionary calling in Australia starting April 8, 2018. Jeanne and I are becoming empty nesters! Pray for our city—Abbotsford. It's a growing city and few seem to be burdened by the growing lostness. A full one third of our city is from India. Pray that God would raise up workers to partner with us who will help us reach East Indians and the other cultures represented in our growing city. We long to see a movement of God in our city and Province.

#### PARTICIPATE

We need your help! When all of us pull together, the Lord is greatly honoured! Please connect with us as a Sending Church or a Supporting Church. Please commit to long-term missions support with us. Every little bit helps! Please come and join serve alongside us and see firsthand what the Lord is doing here in British Columbia. Please get involved in supporting us, your NAMB missionaries. And where we want everyone to start is this... Please PRAY FOR US, your missionaries to British Columbia!

## 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.

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Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD" (Ezekiel 37:12-14, NIV).

So with complete conviction, Jeanne and I both understood that the Lord was calling us home to Canada, and that we were called to continue our missionary journey in Canada and proclaim the good news that Jesus still saves. He takes spiritually dead people, and breathes new life into them! Further, we became convinced that the Lord was calling us home to the Fraser Valley to start a new church, Movement Church. We were once again called to move, though this time, we knew it would be to finally land and plant deep roots.

The approach we have taken in planting Movement Church is to once again aim at a university community, namely the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV). We live a couple of blocks away from UFV in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Further, we have landed on a multiplying house church approach. Why? Property and rent is outrageous in our area. And in multiplying house churches, the clear focus is evangelism and training those we lead to Jesus to do the same—focus on evangelism and start more house churches.

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