



Matthew Lahey

KILBRIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

About the Family

Ruth and I have been married for 10 years, and God has blessed us beyond measure with three, amazing children: Charlotte, Cora and Judah.

Matt grew up on the east coast of Canada while Ruth was born and raised in Australia. While living in Australia, the Lord placed a burden on their hearts for the people of Newfoundland, Canada. After a season of prayer and discernment, the Lahey family packed up and made the international move back to Canada in pursuit of the Lord's calling.

It has been a joy watching the Lord work in the lives of our children—and us—as we step out in faith to reach a community that is in desperate need of the gospel.

About My Church Plant

Imagine how you might feel if I told you that less than 1% of the people in a capital city attended a worship service (of any religion) on any given weekend. This might come as a surprise, but this is our reality. Although some form of Christianity has been on the shores of Canada's most easterly province—Newfoundland—for the better part of 500 years, many people still either don't know Jesus or have a vague understanding of Him.

With a population of just over 9,000, unemployment nearing 13% and a community steeped in culture, traditionalism, superstition and rituals, Kilbride Community Church (KCC) exists to bring hope to a community that's shrouded in darkness. This is an area of great social need, but the greatest need is, in fact, spiritual. There hasn't been a church in Kilbride since 1892.

KCC is a church in a hard place.

Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

Pray for wisdom as the Laheys foster new relationships in the community. Pray the launch team will have a constant zeal to reach the lost in the area.

Pray for breakthrough in the traditionalism, spiritualism and religious rituals that exists in the community.

Pray for wisdom as the KCC team navigates through the coronavirus pandemic as a new church plant. Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among the people to whom we speak.

Pray that through this ministry, more people would come to saving faith and live on mission.

Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

PARTICIPATE

Move up here to live your life on purpose and on mission. Both long-term and short-term help is needed. Connect as a supporting church with our work.

Commit to long-term missions support with us.

Be involved in supporting us and the other workers and their families who come alongside us.

Pray for our planting team as we navigate current challenges as a new church plant.

PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.