

# THE BALINGIT FAMILY

## Serving in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

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Thank you to all of those who have continually prayed for us and invested in us over the months. We have had a fruitful last couple of months and have seen God open doors!

### Launch Service

This last month of ministry has been very exciting as we geared for the launch of the church on April 21st. We had always looked forward to the official launch of the church in April, but we really began emphasizing it within our church and to our community at the beginning of March. We began promoting it on our website as well as heavily pushing our church launch on social media through various ads and posts we ran. The big push online led me to meeting a young man named Josbin, who had just immigrated to Canada within the last year. I was able to meet up for coffee with him and answer many questions he had about the Bible and about our church since he has a big Catholic background. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet up a couple more times. Although he has yet to come to a church service, I am thankful that a relationship is being built and trust is forming to the point where he will text me questions throughout the week about what the Bible says. Please pray for him as I continue ministering to him in the next coming months.

As soon as April came about, we began to hand out invites to our grand opening service around our neighbourhoods and the ones surrounding the church. Everyone on our ministry team, as well as our church members, really bought in and made a big effort to send personal invitations to coworkers, family members, friends, and other connections they had.

As the Launch Weekend came, we had an Open House Saturday at our church facility. Our goal was dual purpose, as it allowed us to set up the church the day before instead of Sunday morning, but we also wanted to open our doors for people to come in on a more casual setting and meet the entire ministry team outside of a Sunday service. We had about 35 people come through with about 4 of those being first time visitor who were curious about the church.

The next day, was our Launch Sunday which went just as good as we could have imagined. We had 66 people attend the service in total — about 24 of our own people, 33 from other churches in the province, and 9 visitors. We were privileged to have Pastor Robert Wall, pastor of FaithWay Baptist Church, come out and preach the Launch Service for us. He preached a great message on Christ being the head of the church, as well as the One who empowers the church.

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After the service, our church members provided a meal for everyone which allowed our ministry team to connect with all the visitors. Every guest that came received a “welcome gift” from us which included information about the church, a ‘Done’ booklet, a copy of our John and Romans, and a small gift to remember our church. Although no one was saved or any decisions were made that day to our knowledge, we had very productive conversations with our guests and all of them reiterated their desire to keep in contact and to meet us outside of church to get to know us more.

### Looking forward

These next few weeks will be filled with us following up with our guests while continuing to push our church presence in the community. The next Sunday after the launch, we had three of the visitors come back to attend as well as a brand new family visit our service. We also began meeting for our midweek Bible study where we are going through a series entitled, “Foundations” which will walk our church through the core beliefs of the believer and how that knowledge can affect their daily walk with God.

Please continue to pray for us! The Launch Service was the easy part, but now comes to work of visits and following up. We are excited for the future and will keep you all updated as we begin these new ministries here at CityLight Baptist Church.

