



Heart & Home

“Where your *treasure* is, there your *heart* will be also” MATTHEW 6:21

CASCADE VIEW COVENANT CHURCH

A History of Heart; A Quest for a Home —BRANDON KAOPUIKI (FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM)

CASCADE VIEW’s history in ministry is a positive one. We have expressed God’s love for **children and youth** through various creative ministries (KidIron football experience; All Our Kids Christmas gift program; foster child graduation celebration).

Spiritual growth has been evident as new believers met and received Christ in our midst, while others inspire us by boldly living the Great Commission—spreading the gospel and caring like Jesus for the poor, oppressed, and disaster-stricken around the world.

Though we have been stung by tragedy and difficult circumstances, we carry on because we are Kingdom people. We act with **compassion**—meeting physical needs with food and finances, and encouraging one another with our shared hope of everlasting life.

Wouldn’t it be great if we could do more? How much more could we do—for children and youth, for our pursuit of spiritual growth, and for those in need of God’s compassion, mercy, and justice—if we had a facility available to us 24/7?

Through the *Heart & Home* emphasis, CASCADE VIEW will continue moving forward as we strive to be

locally relevant and **globally engaged**. Those terms summarize what our members have described as their vision for CASCADE VIEW: A church that meets local needs and makes a difference in east Vancouver, while developing an awareness of God’s global mission by engaging in opportunities to spread the gospel and care like Jesus.

We will do this by recommitting ourselves to serve God through the avenues he has already placed upon our hearts—by making **children and youth** a priority; corporately intensifying our pursuit of **spiritual growth**; and developing a ministry of **compassion, mercy, and justice** that expands to reach our neighbors nearby and around the world.

Please join us in prayer over this project. Ask God to reveal his will for your participation; to cause us all to lean on him, and not on our own plans or efforts; and to grant wisdom and discernment for our leaders.

CASCADE VIEW’s best days in ministry are ahead of us. We eagerly anticipate sharing this journey with all of you.

What might Cascade View do with a 24/7 facility? We could . . .

Children & Youth

- Hold Sunday School in real classrooms
- Designate space for after-school homework help
- Host safe & fun evening activities for youth
- _____(what else?)

Spiritual Growth

- Expand Sunday School to include adult classes
- Host community groups, Bible studies, seminars & forums
- Sponsor training programs for short-term missions
- _____(what else?)

Compassion, Mercy, & Justice

- Host cancer support groups, financial planning seminars, etc.
- Provide resources (phone/fax/computer) to job-seekers
- Prepare and deliver sack lunches to the hungry
- _____(what else?)

An Interview with Doug and Gerri Kretz

—Pastor Jim Sequeira

Jim: How long have you been a part of CVCC?

Doug: Since the beginning.

Gerri: I met Jim the May before it all started . . . The church met at our house!

Jim: What are the changes you've seen over the years.

Doug: Obviously, the moving from building to building. But really the growth of the people.

Gerri: We're more conscious now of what people need and what we need to focus on.

Jim: How has the church impacted you and your family?

Doug: I had a longtime relation to the Covenant, but for Gerri it was when Berit took ownership and called it her church, I thought *Wow, this is cool!*

Jim: What do you want people to know about CVCC?

Doug: The first thing is the people—that's what has stood out over the years—the great people we have.

Gerri: I agree. I'm all about people and the great thing



has been the diversity and watching kids grow.

Q: What are some of your hopes and dreams for CVCC?

Doug: I agree that a building would be great. It signifies stability—we are now established and we will continue.

Gerri: The church is really all about the people, but the building is what keeps them together. It's like having a house where you draw lines on the wall as you grow up. My vision is that I'd like to draw some lines in the building and show "This is the growth we've made."



Join with us in prayer that:

- God would speak to you in His Word in a way that transforms you into His like-ness.
- God would be active in your lives and your relationships repairing their brokenness and using them to for the Glory of His kingdom.
- God would protect your families, your friends and the leaders of Cascade View.
- God would challenge you into deeper Christ centered relationships with others and a deeper, more trusting relationship with Him.
- God would shape the ministry of Cascade View in such a way that we are a beacon of compassion, mercy and justice to our community.

—Erik Chilian



Prayer for Guidance	Daily
Simon's introduction	May 10
Erik's challenge	May 17
Jim's encouragement	May 24
Information Sunday with Don Fensterman	May 31
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