

NEW HOPE CHURCH

**PORT COQUITLAM
GREATER VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA
LAUNCH SUMMARY**

WHO I AM



Hi! My name's Jeff and if you're reading this it means we already have some incredibly significant things in common - we're both passionate about the Gospel, church planting, and expanding the Kingdom of God. Thanks for taking the time to read this - I really do appreciate it.

This prospectus is the story of why our family walked away from our dream home, church, city, and job... to move across the continent and make disciples in a place where 97% of the population don't go to any type of church. This is the story of God's heart for a city that doesn't know Him and the people He's broken our hearts for.

My prayer is that as you read this prospectus, your heart would be also be broken for the people who have it all and yet lack the one thing that matters most... Jesus.

So what's my story?

I was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa and the Seychelles Islands. At the age of 16, we immigrated to Vancouver and settled in the suburb of Port Coquitlam. We lived there for 5 years and during that time became Canadian citizens. I also met my wife Charlene, whose family

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is from (and still lives in) the PoCo area, received my calling to ministry (at age 16), and served extensively in worship and student ministries at a local church.

When we were both 20, Charlene and I got married and moved to Temple, Texas where I took my first full-time ministry position as a Student and Worship Pastor and where we had our first child, Sydney Faith.

After 3 years in Texas we moved to Jupiter, Florida where I took a full-time position as Calvary Church's Worship Pastor. During the 7 years we were blessed to spend there, we added 4 more children to our family - Noah Jett, Luke Justice, Caleb Raider, and Ezra Victorious.

Working at CC was an incredible blessing. I had the opportunity to participate in almost every area of ministry, including serving on the leadership team, developing and implementing church systems, counseling, hospital visitations, Sunday morning teaching, staff management and oversight, service planning, and more.

I'm deeply passionate about helping people encounter Jesus for themselves. We know that even a brief revelation of the real and living God changes EVERYTHING. I'm driven by a desire to see

God grab a hold of people and redeem their lives - just as He's done in my life. I want everything we do as a church to be about helping people move closer to Jesus.

I love the Church and what the Bible tells us about God's plans for her. I believe that churches full of the power of God's Word and His Spirit can change communities and cities like nothing else can!

I hope you'll enjoy reading THE CALL section on the next page for more on the story of how God called us to Vancouver.

OUR FAMILY

With 5 kids 8 years old and younger, we like to tell people that our family life is *"The good kind of crazy."*

I don't think we even remember what silence is! Our home is always buzzing with conversation, music and singing, and imaginary battles against bad guys. We love being together and enjoying the blessings that God has given us in each other.

You'll often find us outdoors, enjoying the incredible beauty of this city. We love hiking, biking, swimming, and anything else we can do together that will burn off some of the insatiable energy that our kids have.

We're a homeschooling family because it allows us enormous flexibility with our schedules and affords us the maximum amount of time together possible.

One of the greatest blessings has been how much our kids love Vancouver. The Lord has made it home for them and they constantly talk about how much they love it here. They love New Hope and are all active parts in helping set-up and tear-down as well as being missional and making sure that every kid who visits the church has an immediate friend and someone who's happy to see them when they arrive.



THE CALL

In late November, 2011, my family and I were looking for a new home to purchase in Jupiter, Florida. It was going to be the home we raised our family in - our family's "roots". We loved everything about our life. We had an incredible church where I was employed in my dream job, working with people I love in one of the most beautiful places on earth (seriously - you should vacation there).

Because of our incredibly blessed season of life in Jupiter, I often joked with my closest friends that if the Lord ever wanted me to go plant a church, Jesus would have to show up at the foot of my bed one night, and if He did I would probably roll over, go back to sleep, and hope He wasn't there when I checked again!



Yet there was always an unshakeable feeling in my soul that one day that call would come. There were confirmations of a teaching gift and a growing awareness that its purpose was for the establishment of a new church.

Throughout 2010 and 2011, I would often think and talk with close friends about the future and church planting. The best way I can describe it is to say I had a blurry image in my mind of what our hypothetical church plant would look like and over time the image came more and more into focus, until I could describe the church with incredible detail.

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I could sense the Lord starting to really stir me to plant a church. We loved our church and were in no hurry to leave. In late 2011 I started putting out “feelers” for church planting in Vancouver, Canada. I tracked down a church planter in Vancouver and arranged a phone call for the afternoon of Monday December 4th, 2011.

All of this unknown to our pastor as I was doing my best to discern what the Lord was saying, and wanted some clarity before I shared anything with him.



That *same morning*, our pastor (Dan Plourde) awoke with an overwhelming urge from the Holy Spirit to speak with me regarding church planting. We went out for coffee and Dan shared, *“If in the back of your mind you know you’re going to plant a church at some point in your life, that year needs to be 2012. You’re ready. You know ten times more than I did when I started this church. Your kids are never going to be the right age and your finances are never going to be perfect. If God’s calling you to do it, it’s time to go do it.”*

Dan asked me to take the month of December and pray about it. While we did pray, we already knew the answer - this was the confirmation. Jesus had shown up at the foot of my bed and He wasn’t going to go away. And I didn’t want Him to. It was time.

In my mind, if I ever planted a church it would be in the Greater Vancouver area. I don’t know how else to explain it other than to say it was always the only option. I couldn’t bring myself to even think about other possibilities. Even before I received the call to go plant, the location was given to me by the Lord. Vancouver is and will always be home for us.

The call has been confirmed repeatedly in conversations, circumstances, and especially in my history with the area. I will never forget the excitement of Ray Woodard, the WestCoast Baptist Association’s Church Planting Catalyst for Vancouver, when I shared that my wife and I were Canadian citizens and therefore wouldn’t need to overcome all of the immigration hurdles normally faced by missional church planters.

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During a subsequent conversation, I was made aware of the significant financial resources it takes to operate in the Vancouver area. One of the most intimidating aspects was the cost of housing. That very same evening, we shared the news with my wife's parents. My father-in-law shared that the home he owns in Port Coquitlam will be vacant around the time of our move, and that he'd be happy to let us live there for his cost, which is significantly lower than the market cost of renting. Within hours, our first need had already been met!

Since moving, our calling has been consistently confirmed. Looking back on our lives, it's clear that our history, ministry, travels, and experiences have all been prepared by the Lord in order to prepare us for this work He has called us to.

We believe that the Christian life is to be a series of increasingly larger steps of faith. This is the 2nd time my wife and I have moved internationally for ministry. We've lived through financially tight times, 2 miscarriages, trusting God to provide for a family of 5 children, her thyroid cancer, and more things than I could list here. For us, this has simply been the next step that God has called us to take and we've been compelled to obey, in faith.

We believe that we have one life here on earth. One life to run hard for the Lord and express our gratitude, to our Savior, through the way we choose to live.

We hope you'll partner with us in taking the power of the Gospel to a city that desperately needs it!



THE CITY (Coquitlam // “co-kwit-lim”)

Vancouver is a stunningly beautiful city. It's one of the most expensive places in the world to live and as a result, it's a city of great affluence. It's a port city - cosmopolitan, international, and bustling with intellectual conversations and the exchange of ideas. It's a place where education, self expression, and philosophy are highly valued. Canadian welfare programs mean that Vancouver's "bottom" is higher than almost any other country's. People pretty much have all their material needs met.

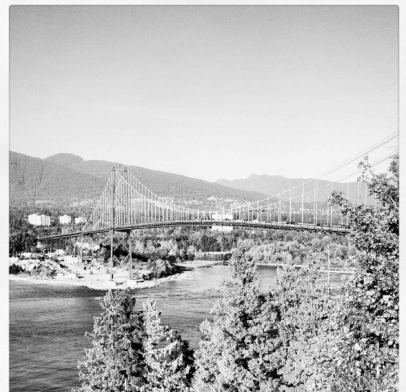
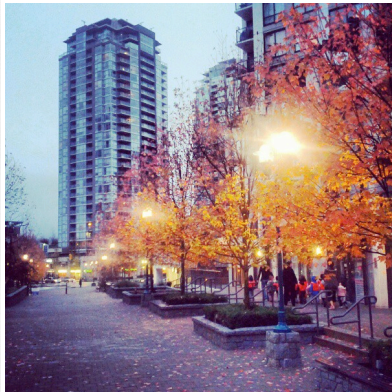
And yet they live in spiritual poverty.

The similarities between Vancouver and Ephesus, during the time of Paul's ministry there, are striking. As it was in Ephesus, Vancouver embraces a multitude of belief systems. Even social justice and environmentalism are gods here. If you want to try and serve the community, there's probably already another group doing whatever you had in mind because it's part of their belief system. "*Being a good person is what it's all about*" is the driving force of spirituality in Vancouver.

It's a unique spiritual challenge and environment.

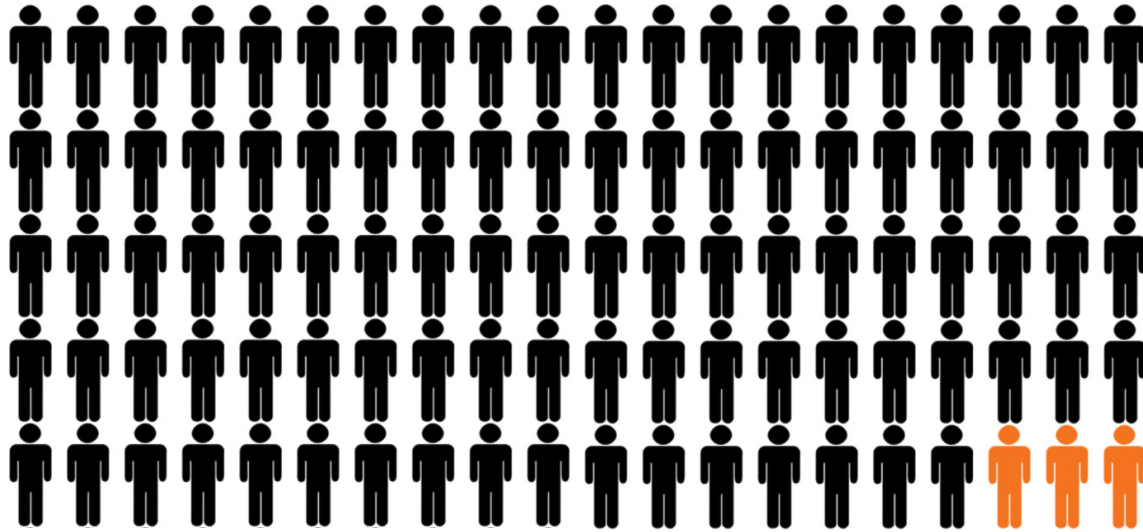
As a country, Canada is completely post-Christian. There is no cultural resonance to Christianity. It's not a part of our heritage. People didn't grow up going to church or attending Sunday school. The overwhelming majority of people have never heard the Gospel and are not seeking God. He's not in the collective consciousness of the city.

The numbers are staggering: 97% of Vancouverites do not attend any type of church, including Catholics. That's a lower percentage than Mexico, Haiti, Ethiopia and many other countries that we classically associate with missions work. When a church in Vancouver sends out a missions team, they are almost always sending that team to a country with a higher percentage of believers than their own!



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To put that in perspective, here's what that 97% figure looks like visually:



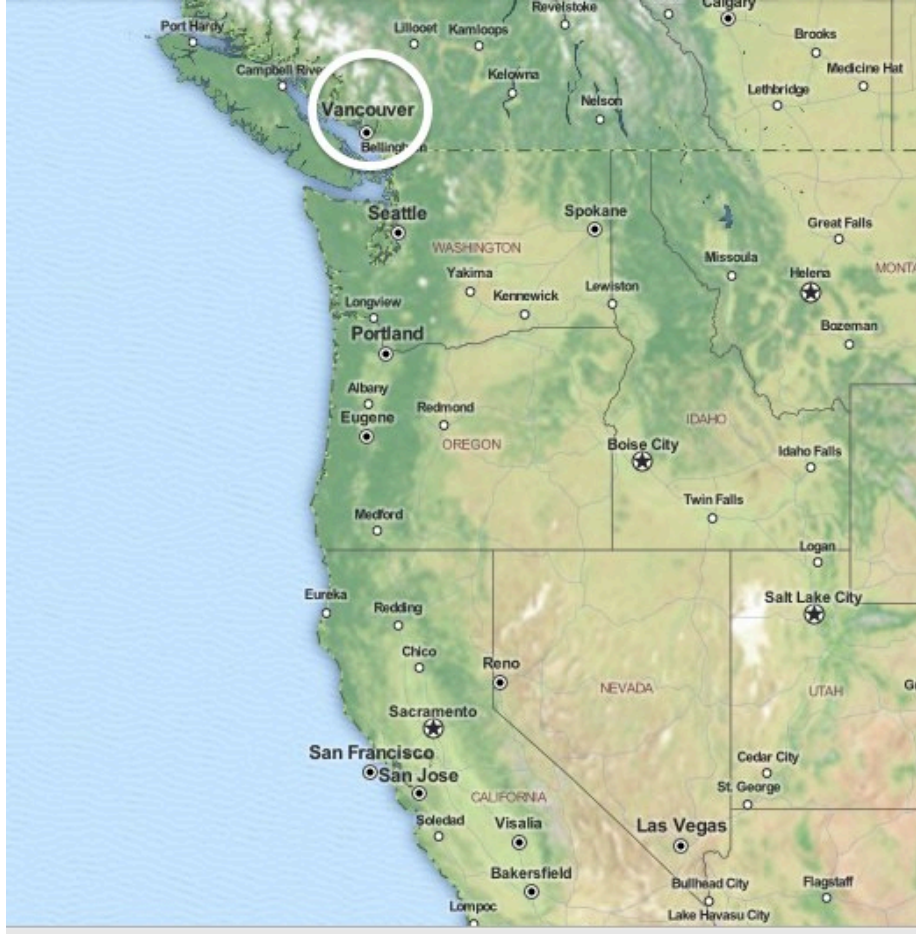
Vancouver is hard ground spiritually. It's a city that will not be won over by slick marketing or clever programs. It needs passionate and powerful prayers to break spiritual strongholds. And it needs faithful workers who will keep working the soil and sowing seed until something grows.

God did a mighty work in Ephesus and He's doing a mighty work in Vancouver.

Our church and ministry efforts are focused in the suburbs of Vancouver, about 30 minutes from the downtown core, in a Tri-Cities area made up of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody. Here are some facts about the Tri-Cities:

- Approximately 225,000 people (within a 20-minute driving radius of New Hope)
- A family community where the majority of working adults commute daily to the Metro Vancouver area
- Undergoing rapid, dense expansion (high-rise condos, etc.)
- Skytrain arriving to Coquitlam city center in 2-3 years, offering a direct connection to downtown Vancouver
- One of the most cosmopolitan (ethnically diverse) areas in North America
- Was ranked first or second highest cost of living in the world, for the past 10 years

THE CITY (location)



THE VISION

We believe that Jesus Christ has laid out the vision and mission of His Church in the Great Commission:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” - Matthew 28:19-20

Our desire is to see Jesus' vision for His Church embodied in New Hope Church.

All of us who belong to Jesus owe our salvation to Him graciously revealing Himself to us, and the only way any lost person gets saved is ultimately through a revelation of Jesus.

Our vision is simply: **Revealing Jesus**

We worship because we have received a revelation of Jesus.

We preach The Word because it reveals Jesus.

We fellowship in small groups because Jesus is revealed in our love for one another.

We pray with passion because we desire Jesus to reveal Himself to the lost and in our own life situations.

We help fund and participate in local and international missions and church planting because Jesus loves the local Church and reveals Himself through it.

We view ourselves as ambassadors for Christ, on mission in our daily lives because we desire to reveal Jesus to our world through the way we live in it.

Everything we do is driven by the goal of **Revealing Jesus**.



VALUES

- Jesus!

He is the head of the Church. He is the inventor of the Church. The Church ultimately exists for Him and her eternal destiny is to be His Bride. We are fanatical about our Savior and King, Jesus Christ! All Scripture and all creation points to Him. He is the very best thing we have to offer this world and because of that we strive to reveal Jesus in everything we do.

- Worship

We were created to worship God and because of the Cross we have a reason to rejoice at all times. We are constantly thanking Him for every good thing in our lives. We love to intentionally focus our whole being on the adoration of our God, putting everything in its proper order with Jesus on the Throne of our lives and nothing else above Him. Passionate worship is the only reasonable response from a people who have encountered the saving grace of God. There is no greater use of our time than to worship the God we will worship for eternity.

- God's Word

We believe the most effective way to produce disciples is by faithfully teaching the Bible and allowing the Holy Spirit to change lives through the revelation of Jesus in Scripture. The Bible is our guide in everything and we are all equal under it. It is the unchanging truth, our most direct and consistent point of connection with God, and is a treasure that brings life and blessing to all who heed it.

- Growth

The Great Commission's exhortation is to make "disciples" - disciplined followers of Jesus Christ. We desire to all grow up into Christ and become more like Him. We believe that the Lord has a unique part for each of us to play in the Church and in our world. Therefore, we have a responsibility to make the most of the things we have been entrusted with - starting with our very lives. We want to accomplish everything that Christ has planned for us!



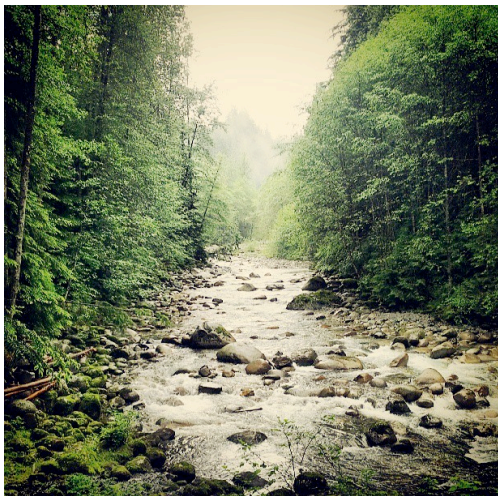
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- Passion

If what we believe is really true... an indifferent response is impossible. Our forgiven past, our redeemed today, and our glorious future are reasons to always be found rejoicing, giving thanks, and reveling in the hope we have in Christ Jesus. His passion for us is incalculable. The worship of Jesus matters more than any other cause on the Earth and our passion for Him must reflect that! We believe that our zeal should only increase as we draw nearer to God and grow in our knowledge of Him. Our desperation for more of Jesus must always exceed our pride and our apathy. We need Him and we are not ashamed to say it.

- Living on Mission

We are all ambassadors of Christ. We are all ministers to a broken world. We are the Church 24/7. We live with eternity in mind and the heart of Jesus beating in our chests. We are intentional about praying for our neighbors, interceding for the lost, and blessing others out of the overflow of God blessing us. We have what the world needs and we long to share it with them.



DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

New Hope Church stands in theological agreement with the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message, which is available at sbc.net/bfm/bfm2000.asp

If you would like to discuss any doctrinal point in greater detail, please feel free to contact us (see the last page of this summary).



WHAT THE CHURCH LOOKS LIKE

New Hope is a young congregation made up of people from all walks of life - college students, recovering addicts, young families, single young adults, retirees, and more. Reflecting the city's diversity, we are made up of a wide range of ethnicities. The common thread is a hunger to know Jesus. If we're honest, there is no pattern to who we're reaching! We do our best to reveal Jesus to everyone, at every opportunity.

We're currently meeting in hotel conference rooms, which have provided a warm and welcoming environment for our services. We want every person to feel like they're being welcomed into our home, and so we strive for excellence in everything from the signage to the coffee to the music.

Our services begin with about 20 minutes of upbeat worship, with the children in the service. We have a wonderful culture growing in our children's ministry and the joy in the room is tangible when we all worship together.

After that we move into our message. We're an expositional Bible-teaching church and it's our goal to reveal Jesus through the Scriptures every Sunday. We believe Jesus is not only the way to the best eternity, but He is also the way to the most fulfilling and meaningful life we can have on the Earth. Out of this conviction, we teach with a focus on practically aligning our lives with the will of God, that we might honor Him with our whole lives and walk in the abundant life that Jesus Christ promised. Our deeply-held value of creating disciples leads us to end every message with 2 questions: *"What does obedience to this look like in my life?"* and *"When am I going to do it?"*

We believe that the Word of God demands reflection and so we follow the message with an extended time of worship and reflection. During this time, the congregation is free to stand, sing, sit, kneel, pray, or just listen to the Lord. The goal is to allow the Holy Spirit to sear God's Word into our hearts and minister to every unique situation reflected in the room.

We have the Communion elements available during this time and we encourage every person to partake, after examining their heart before the Lord and, if necessary, repenting.

We want every person, every week to have an encounter with the Living God that is real and personal. We want them to leave full of God's Word and His Spirit, ready and equipped to be effective ministers for Christ in their spheres of influence.

During the week, we have a small group that meets on Wednesday nights and we are starting to form our first discipleship groups. These groups are small (4-6 people), closed, high-trust and high-accountability men's and women's groups that meet every 2 weeks to pursue Christ together.

THE STORY SO FAR

July 2012:

- Relocated from Jupiter, FL, USA to Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada

August - September 2012:

- Moved into new home & organized insurance, vehicles, healthcare, etc.

October 2012 - January 2013:

- Met with, invited, & recruited people to each of the following events every month: preview service, Launch Team planning meeting, Launch Team small group bible study, & Get Together fellowship event

February 2013:

- Direct mail campaign to 60,000 homes, inviting the community to our Launch Sunday and “*Happily Ever After*” 3-week series on marriage & relationships
- Launched weekly Sunday services on February 10

March 2013:

- Began teaching the Book of Ephesians

April 2013:

- Started our first Growth Group (mid-week in-home small group)

June 2013:

- Changed meeting location (*PoCo Inn & Suites*).
- Taught “*Foundations*” 3-week series on The Bible, Worship, & Prayer

July 2013:

- Began teaching “*I Am Jesus*” series on the life of Christ.
- Started our first men’s discipleship group
- Started two weekly kids’ summer activities for the community

THE BUDGET

Children's Ministry:

\$22,191 (year 1) and then \$2,304 (year 2 on)

Hospitality Ministry & Facilities:

\$38,632 (year 1) and then \$37,844 (year 2 on)

Worship & A/V Ministry:

\$16,529.37 (year 1) and then \$4,863.25 (year 2 on)

Administrative & Office:

\$47,913 (year 1) and then \$27,098 (year 2 on)

Family Living Expenses:

\$65,000 (per year)

Relocation Expenses:

\$22,126 (one-time expense)

TOTAL (year 1) = \$212,391.37

TOTAL (year 2 on) = \$137,109.25

If you'd like to fulfill a specific need or would like to view a detailed line-item budget, please let us know using the contact information provided on the last page of this Launch Summary.

To view our Amazon.com Wish List, please visit mynewhope.ca/give

For most items, the most economical purchasing solution is ordering from the USA and paying the 12% taxes at the border.

HOW TO PARTNER WITH US

• Pray For Us!

The greatest breakthroughs we need are spiritual breakthroughs. Only the power of God can soften hard hearts and make closed minds open to the Gospel. We need as many partners as possible supporting this work through the power of prayer. Please pray for:

- Our family (*our marriage, our parenting, and our children*)
- Workers for the harvest (*we can't do it alone!*)
- Salvations!
- Favor with and good reputation in the community
- Financial provision

Our prayer partners receive regular email updates of what the Lord is doing at New Hope as well as specific prayer requests, as needs arise.

Sign up for our supporters email newsletter at mynewhope.ca/newslettersignup

• Financial Support

As we've shared, Vancouver is the most expensive city in the world to live in and the cost of living in the suburbs is equally staggering. One of the biggest challenges in reaching Greater Vancouver is simply the financial means to live here!

Will you commit to help support us financially?

Your support will help establish a church with the momentum and resources necessary to make a significant impact on the Greater Vancouver area for decades to come.

We're asking for monthly support over a 4-year period of time and believing that after that, we'll be able to invite you to help us support our next church plant in the Vancouver area.

• Missions Teams

We're always looking for teams who have a heart to bless and a heart to pray. Vancouver needs spiritual breakthroughs that are driven by prayer. If your church is interested in being spiritually stretched and challenged to make a real difference in the spiritual climate of a lost city, let's talk.

HOW TO PARTNER WITH US (continued...)

- **Online Giving Instructions**

If you're ready to support the mission of New Hope Church, you can do so right now using CanadaHelps.org (in Canada) or Calvary Church's online giving system (in the USA - they're our home/sending church).

Just go to mynewhope.ca/give and follow the instructions on the page.

Thanks again for believing and partnering with us in this work of faith!

- **Mailed Check Instructions**

If you'd prefer to support New Hope Church via mailed check(s) they can be sent to:

WestCoast Baptist Association
Attn: Patsy Woodard
131 East Kings Road
North Vancouver, BC V7N 1H4

Please be sure to make the check payable to "WBA - New Hope Church".

In the USA, please mail checks to:

Calvary Church
10100 W. Indiantown Road
Jupiter, FL 33478

Please be sure make checks out to "Calvary Church" with "New Hope Church" in the memo line.

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