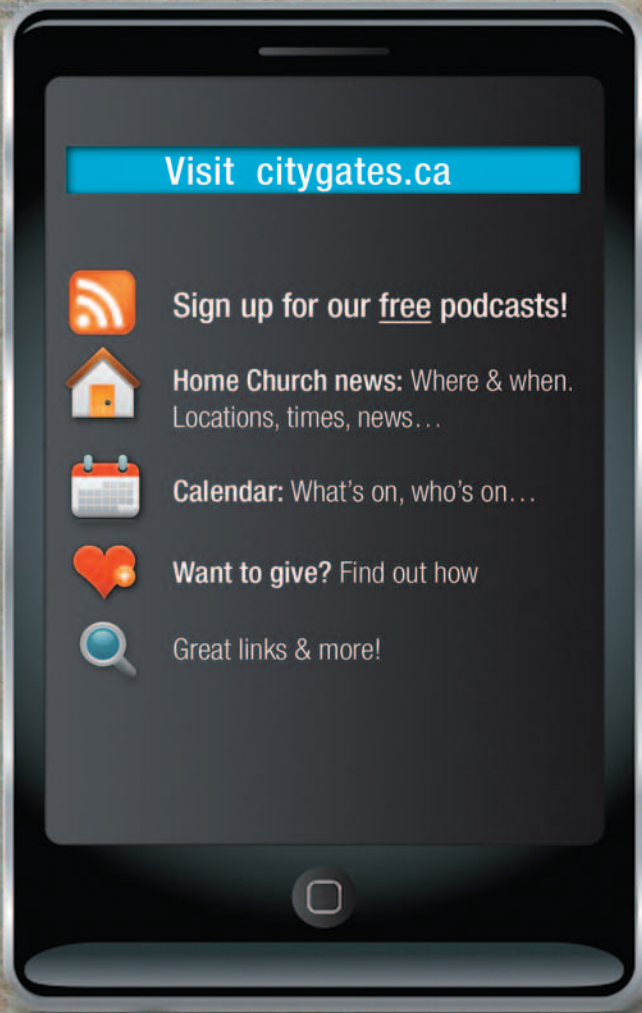


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“City Gates, we know what we are not..”

As I was reflecting on our journey together, I am not so sure that we have done a great job of telling our story to those that do not have “church” as a regular part of their lives. Many people used to be church goers and stopped, while others are thinking that maybe for the sake of their children, it could be time to take a fresh look at church.

So why would “seekers” come to us? After all, we do not have our own facility (set up/breakdown, limitations with children’s ministry, sound etc.) and wouldn’t everyone want the structure and convenience of a regular church building and worship experience?

My “chats” with non-church “folks” indicate something different. They like the fact that all our staff (including me) are bi-vocational and we rent facilities to keep our costs down. This means that we can use a large percentage of our income to help and bless those in need, both internally and in the community and they really like that! Something resonates inside of them when they find out that we have a regular dedicated “Service Week” where we go out and love and help others unconditionally, or that we give money to things like the Haitian earthquake fund. Oh, and they like that we meet on a Saturday, so that they can enjoy family time on Sundays, watch their kids play sports etc., etc.

City Gates, we know what we are not, but are there people out there who are ready to hear what we are? I have a sneaking suspicion that maybe just maybe there are lots of them!

Mike & Edwina, on behalf of The Gates' Team

Events

MAY/JUNE
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Sat. May 8, 2010
Mother’s Day Celebration
Bridget Ellwood and her daughter Louise sharing!



Service Weeks...Get involved & make a difference!

Every other week, we have opportunities to serve in our community. Go to our website for details!



May 24-27, 2010
Canada Equip 2010
Victoria BC
www.tccvictoria.com



June 10-12, 2010
Urban Renewal
Southlands Church
International, Los Angeles
www.southlands.net



Wednesdays

Week 1: Home Churches
Acts 2:42 "From House to House"

Week 2: Service Week!
Practically showing God's love

Fridays @ PCS

Junior High (10-13) @ 6:30pm
Youth Drop in @ 8:30pm

Saturdays @ PCS

Acts 2:42 "Experiencing Life...Finding Mission"