

# SUNDAY LINE AND WORLD MINISTRIES



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## METRO KIDS - SURREY, BC



### **METRO KIDS is just a fancy name for the "GOOD OLD FASHIONED BUS MINISTRY!"**

Metro Kids works with 400-700 at-risk children in the Surrey, BC area. Many have never heard the name of Jesus before they begin coming to the Super Saturday Kids Klub. Though Metro Kids has a high energy program that kids can relate to, the teaching of God's Word and worship is never compromised.

In operation for over 22 years, currently 90% of the staff & volunteers have, at one time, regularly attended the KIDS KLUB!

### **WALKING ALONGSIDE:**

When "Anne" first came to Metro Kids Klub she was about 12 years old. She was the girl who sat in the corner with her head down. When asked what was wrong, she'd say, "Nothing. Go away." She was depressed and struggled with suicidal thoughts. She'd cut her own arms to try to relieve some of the pain in her heart.

Abandoned by her father at age two, and later abused by a stepfather, her life was chaotic and stressful. Her family was constantly on the edge of poverty and moved 12 times in six years. There were several times when she and her family were homeless until they could gather enough money for the next security deposit. Many children would drop off the map in such circumstances, but this young lady was incredibly consistent at Metro Kids. No matter where in Surrey she was, she knew that the bus would be by to pick her up every week and there would always be caring people ready to welcome her on board.

Through poverty, court cases, depression, and chaos, Metro Kids was there. The personnel were able to offer support, perspective, groceries, guidance, but most importantly, consistency. They were able to walk with an amazing young woman through a difficult period in her life and see her through to the other side.

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# THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT AND CHURCH

Key Scripture: **Romans 5:3-8**

*“God’s love for us has been shed abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit”.*

**A**lthough we may have a different language, and come from different cultures, there is one thing that binds us together beyond any language, culture, nationality and race, which according Romans 5:3-8, is that God’s love for us has been shed abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

According to the Book of Acts, when the Church was birthed on the day of Pentecost, the city of Jerusalem was filled with Jews who had come from every place under heaven. Acts 2 verse 5 tells us: **“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.”**

That day every visiting Jew heard the goodness of God being spoken in a language totally known to them.

In Acts 10:34, the apostle Peter realized that the promise of the Holy Spirit was not only for the Jew but for the Gentiles as well. As Paul would later write in Ephesians 3:4-5, the mystery of God hidden in ages past was that the promise of the Holy Spirit was for all people regardless of nationality and race. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought in the age of the church.

**Point 1: The church exists for Jesus:** The church was created, exists and belongs to Jesus. It is His personal possession. In response

to Peter’s revelation Jesus did not say: I will build the people’s, your church or our church . . . but said **“I will build MY church”** (Matthew 16:18).

When we place our faith in the finished work of Calvary, the Holy Spirit makes His residence in us and we become partakers of Christ. It is not US in CHRIST . . . but CHRIST in US by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**Point 2: The church exists in Him, and from Him:** Before the Day of Pentecost the Church of Jesus did not exist. Jesus is the head of the church and the believers constitute His body. All of the members of the body function from the head and are nourished from the head through the different joints and ligaments of the body.

Ephesians 1:22-23: **“And God placed everything under His feet (Jesus), and appointed Him to be the head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”**

**Point 3: The church derives its growth from Jesus:** “Under the first Adam” all creation came under the disruptive power of sin but “in Christ”, the second Adam, all creation is being brought back into unity under the headship of JESUS.

The Church (the body of Christ) is a living spiritual organism whose nourishment and growth depends on the life giving force of Jesus. That life giving force is the person of the Holy Spirit who has been given to the church by Jesus Himself. Jesus secured the Holy Spirit’s work by His death and resurrection . . . and when Jesus ascended into heaven He was able to send the promise of the Holy Spirit.

**Point 4: The church does not consist of unbelievers:** When we look at the early church in the book of Acts we notice the church consisted only of believers. The early church was called the gathering of the saints in 1 Corinthians 14:33 and not the gathering of unbelievers.

In the days of the apostles, the church gathered together because they were Christians. They gathered together for worship, teaching, instruction and fellowship. Their purpose was not to get comfortable but to go and make disciples by proclaiming the gospel and the Holy Spirit would add to the church those who were being saved. The Book of Acts is all about what the Holy Spirit did through the believers . . . and is still doing today!

**Point 5: The church was designed to speak:** Do you remember when you first fell in love? You couldn't stop talking about the one you loved. Even quiet folk get really loud when they fall in love. The early believers in the Book of Acts never took a course in evangelism to become powerful witnesses for Jesus. They never went to bible school or seminary. They were all passionately in love with Jesus.

Our problem today is not our lack of programs and buildings; it is our lack of telling others about Jesus. The early church didn't have that problem. Their love for Jesus made them bold . . . and after Pentecost no one could shut them up.

**Point 6: The church was to function in power:** Jesus said: **"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high"** (Luke 24:49).

The church was never created to be a struggling, ghost-of-a-whisper presence in the world. It was meant to be a channel for God's presence and power to heal the sick and yes, even raise the dead! **IT WAS TO BE A WITNESS!** To demonstrate God's power!

**Point 7: The church was designed for fellowship:** Someone once said: "Show me your friends and I'll show you who you are!" The church was created to be in fellowship with other believers (people of faith) and with the Holy Spirit. People who hang around with doubters will only produce doubters. People who hang around with gossipers will only produce gossipers. People who sow discord and strife will only produce discord and strife.

These kinds of people only feed each other's problems. The devil knows this and as soon as people start sowing strife and discord, their lives become "Ishabod": void of God's presence . . . and void of God's power. Instead of building the kingdom, they tear it down.

**Point 8: The church can do nothing:** Without the fellowship and power of the Holy Spirit the church cannot do anything. Jesus said: **"Without me you can do nothing"** (John 15:5).

The Old Testament dispensation was that of the Father. The millennial dispensation will be that of the Son, but the dispensation of today is that of fellowship with the Holy Spirit whose empowering presence in the Church is building the kingdom of God.

What a great age we are living in . . . and it is all coming to a great climax . . . soon, yes very soon. The Bride and the Spirit say:

**"Come Lord Jesus, Come!"**  
(Revelation 22:17)

***Thank you for your continued giving to help a hurting world. Your gifts speak louder than words.***

***Blessings in Christ,***

*Pastor Roman*



*Kimberley Baas – Youth Program Director*

**KIMBERLEY:** I grew up in a poor neighbourhood and came from an abusive home. I had no friends growing up and was bullied on a daily basis. My life was empty, I had no hope and I didn't believe in myself. At the age of eleven, a Metro Kids staff member showed up at my house and explained to my parents about a program called Kids Klub. At first, I was hesitant but as the weeks went by I learned more and my interest increased. By the time I was twelve, I began to volunteer with Kids Klub, working with the preschool children.

My interest in volunteering with children increased and I began to assume more responsibility. I have since decided my career choice based on the volunteer work I have done with Kids Klub. I have been working with Kids Klub for thirteen years now and it has taught me so much. Being at Kids Klub made me feel accepted, loved, safe and was my happy place growing up. I have built some amazing friendships through the people I have met over the years who also volunteer. Kids Klub saved my life and has greatly defined who I am as an individual.



*Kirk MacIntyre – Kids & Preteen Program Director*

**KIRK:** Growing up, I was undersized for my age and as a result I was picked on and teased quite often. This prevented me in some ways from really developing socially. I was invited to a Metro Kids program as a young kid, and their safe, bully-free environment allowed me to grow socially. I was able to make some lifelong friends, and the principles I learned would later serve to help me through some difficult times in my life. It was through their youth group that a desire was placed upon my heart to help and to encourage others.

Metro Kids has served as a forum for me to walk out this calling on my life through their leader-in-training program, and later with Metro Master's Commission. I was able to learn and practice my leadership and teaching skills, using my own experience to help others. The leaders supported me to step out and try new things, to take on more responsibility and eventually to step into a senior leadership position at only 22 years old.

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**SUNDAY LINE FELLOWSHIP**



*The **Sunday Line Fellowship** group meets with Pastor Roman and Pat each Wednesday morning for Bible study, and on Sundays for worship and teaching. Please know that you are welcome to join us if you are ever in the White Rock/South Surrey area. Hearts are filled with faith as personal needs and the requests from Sunday Line supporters are pinned to the cross and prayed for with confidence, knowing that through Christ, all things are possible.*