

House Churches Show New Style of Ministry

Reverend David Webber tells his story of what can be done by people from isolated and remote areas who wish to have the church in their midst.

The story of the *HouseChurch* mission in the Cariboo Presbytery is a testimony to how the church can be present and viable in remote, rural parts of the country.

David and his wife Linda felt called to build God's community in family homes in the Cariboo-Chilcoltin area of central BC. Patience, passion for a new ministry vision, and prayerful work gradually brought the dream into an evolving reality.

"... Over the years, regional work plans were developed with input from each of the house churches. These, too, underwent change. Fortunately, with no church real-estate or carpeting to worry or fight about, people were flexible and open to change."

"... Folks in every house are grabbing hold of the fact that they are the community of Christ within their community.... The people are being equipped for ministry to their neighbourhoods and in the world... The Lord's people are studying the Word. They are praying. And wounded and broken people are being healed in the name of Christ."

(for Rev. David's full story, visit http://www.circle-m.ca/rural-ministry-stories/stories_web/house_church.html)

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