

# Kinship

JULY 2015 | KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS

## Ride For Refuge

Saturday, October 5th

We are riding in flat Richmond, we are looking for energetic teams to join us and raise funds for KIN's - ESL ministry.

more info: [kingcrest.ca](http://kingcrest.ca)

## Fall Term

Registration Open

Tuesday, Sept. 8 & 10  
9:30 - 1:00 & 6:00 - 8:00

## International Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 28

FUMC 6:00 - 8:00 PM

659 52nd Ave.  
Vancouver, BC

## Kingcrest to Kingston



I am Shabtika or Shab as many of you know me.

I was born in the midst of a civil war in Sri Lanka. My father is a pastor; his church and our home were burnt down because of our ethnicity and Christian beliefs. My father continued to preach in Sri Lanka under dangerous conditions while the rest of the family moved to India for refuge. Soon he was detained and beaten for preaching.

Consequently, all of us moved to Canada, in 1998. Eventually, I became a science teacher. Due to the poor job market, I struggled to find a teaching job. While I was considering giving up teaching, my father told me about Kingcrest, and within days I began teaching here. Fellow teachers and students were loving and encouraging. Kingcrest reminded me of all the reasons I loved teaching. I was teaching a lively group of level-1 students in January 2015 when I was deeply inspired. Many were brand new to Canada, with limited English, yet they were full of hope and confidence. Their courage was contagious and I decided to follow my passion and respond to a teaching agency from England. Soon, with their help I had multiple interviews and every single interview ended up in a job offer. I took a science teaching position in Kingston. I will be moving this August. Working at Kingcrest has been an absolute blessing; the students have taught me more than I have taught them. Thank you.

## Volunteers!

Do you want to enrich your life, expand your horizons and make great friends? If so, come and join us at Kingcrest.

We need teachers for morning and evenings, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 AM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We'll train you; no previous teaching experience is required. You only need to be able to speak clearly in English and enjoy meeting people. Most teachers do two hours a week, either morning or evening.

## Fall Term

Tuesday, September 15th.

Inquiries welcome at [info@kingcrest.ca](mailto:info@kingcrest.ca)

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Hope to hear from you soon.

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## A Kin Financial "Snapshot":

Our hearty 'THANK YOU' to each and every one who has tangibly supported Kingcrest, especially this SPRING TERM 2015!

We have had TWO successful FUNDRAISING EVENTS: our SILENT AUCTION & DINNER on MAY 2nd, and a SPECIAL LUNCHEON at First United Mennonite Church on JUNE 14th! Combining our proceeds from both of these we have raised almost \$3,000 - an important boost to meeting our 2015 financial needs. Some extra gifts have also been received, with our grateful thanks!

Your contributions of Auction Items, Auction participation, Refreshments & Meals for classes and events, International Dinner assistance, and Financial Gifts have already made a significant difference to our students and families, among whom we minister in Jesus' name!

You will be learning more about this Fall's RIDE FOR REFUGE on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, and other Fundraising opportunities. Please let us know if you or your group can add your support of KIN in a special or creative way!

SOMETHING TO THINK & PRAY ABOUT: If KIN's financial picture included just an extra \$1,000 per month above our current pattern, we would be able meet our needs and even more effectively reach out to our community of Refugees, Temporary Workers and Newcomers to Canada!

## Kingcrest's Ministry

KIN provides support and empowerment to newcomers in settling well into the Canadian society through:

- ✦ Teaching ESL classes
- ✦ Giving practical assistance
- ✦ Providing a place to build friendships through social activities
- ✦ Introducing people to the Lord Jesus Christ
- ✦ Providing referral, workshops and accompaniment through refugee and immigration processes and helping newcomers.