



The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California

May 2018

Dear Faithful Supporters:

School is out and vacations are starting. We have had a few weeks when we missed several of our people because of holidays and vacations. Thankfully everyone has been back recently. Over the last several months, I have been a part of a program with our city police department. Through this program I was able to meet several other members of our community, leaders in our local government, and most of the officers in our police department. I was able to spend a day with two different officers and see what their 'normal' day is like. The day started by seeing how sin was dominating and destroying the lives of members in our community. Shortly after we received a call for a deceased victim which served as a reminder of how short our life is. While spending some time with the spouse it became apparent that they had not trusted in Christ. Latter in the day we were able to recover several stolen items and return them to their owner. This reminds me of the parables of the lost lamb, coin, and son. When we returned the stolen items the people were joyful to have received them back again, and for each one of us that turns to Christ for salvation there is greater rejoicing in Heaven.

While on patrol with the officer, I mentioned the idea of starting a van route in our community. The response that I received was one of excitement. The idea that we would go and bring others to church was warmly welcomed. We patrolled in a couple of areas that the officer encouraged us to visit in. From this program I have made contacts with many of the officers and have been excited to hear how open they are to our church. We would like to have a special day of appreciation, and invite the Mayor and the Police Chief to attend. Pray with us that we will be able to do this in the fall.

We have recently received notice that the building we are in has been sold and the new owners will take possession in July. We have our rental agreement through the month of September and are seeking the Lord's will for our church. In the coming months we will see if anything will be changing with the new landlord and our rent. Please pray that the Lord will continue to provide our needs.

Recently I was contacted by a family that is moving into our area. Their job is relocating them here in the Valley and we looking forward to meeting them soon. Please pray that we will see more visitors.

In May a young man that I have known for a couple of years now, was found unresponsive in his house. He had an aneurysm and was placed on life support for nearly a week. Several times I was able to talk to him about Christ but only received a friendly response. At his funeral I was able to speak with the Pastor that performed the service. He did not believe that he had made a decision to accept Christ, and emphasized the reality that the service was to reach those that were alive. Everyday we encounter people who acknowledge God, but fail to receive God. We must remain faithful witnesses for Christ and encourage others to not just believe in God, but trust Christ for salvation.

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