



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

In the last several months I am reminded of scripture and a song called "In His Time". This sums up the last several months. If it was my decision to make I would be in Madera by now but in God's time I will be. Over the last couple of months we have been working to purchase a house and move to Madera, but we have learned this is not a quick process. Though there have certainly been trying times, rushed times, and even discouraging times we can hold to the fact that as we follow Christ he will bring all things together in His time.

Even during these times of uncertainty we have seen how God is working to mold us into what we need to be. Patience, as is probably true with most people, is not my strong point. Through this time of searching for a place and obtaining the finances needed to purchase our house God has grown my patience. God has taught me that patience can only be obtained through faith. Much of our trials are out of our hands and there is little to nothing that we can do to change the situation, so God has been teaching me that this is a testing of my faith. Is God's way the best way? Certainly it is and so we wait for God's answer to our need. In all of this we have spent many hours in Madera, meeting with people but also exploring the town. As we were driving we passed a small little white church building that said 'Little Hope' and then the type of church. It is my prayer that God will allow us to share the Blessed Hope with the people of Madera.

During the last couple of months we have continued to see the Lord work at Merced Baptist Church. While the pastor took the teenagers to Youth Conference I was able to preach and lead the service. While the teens were at youth conference many decisions were made and our teenagers were challenged to give their life to Christ. We have continued to see more visitors and good numbers especially on Sunday mornings. Recently I was able to lead another man to Christ. Please continue to pray with us that Merced Baptist Church will be able to find a new and larger place to hold services.

We have now come to the end of the school year and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. This has been a wonderful time of excitement, enthusiasm, and growth for the church here in Merced. Please pray with us as we minister to the children and the adults that will be coming in. God has proven that His Word will not return void and we look forward to see it work in the hearts and lives of people this year as well.

Thank you for all of your prayers as we cannot begin to mention all of the times that we have needed them. God has always been faithful to provide that which we need and we are so thankful for you. As we serve the Master together remember 'In His Time'.

Reaching Madera,

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