



# THE Rasnake Family

## Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

The holidays have come and gone and a new year has begun. I pray that the ministry God has placed you in is going well. This year is going to be a year full of new experiences and wonderful opportunities. We are excited about how the Lord has begun to bring things together for the beginning of the church plant in Madera. In the midst of starting the new church we are transitioning out of the ministry in Merced. We have been amazed to see how faithful God has been to us and taking care of our needs. Thank you for your desire to help us reach the people here in California.

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter God provided all of the funds needed for the hymn books that we were going to purchase for the church. It is wonderful to see how God tests our faith. When I called the distributor to purchase the hymn books I found out that they were going to be discontinuing that hymn book. I needed to find another option, and God directed us to another hymn book. This hymn book was to cost a little more than what I had planned to spend but I felt that God wanted me to go ahead and purchase it. On faith we placed the order and told no one about the difference. In just a few days God miraculously brought in the funds. I am so thankful that God owns all things and that he has strengthened our faith in his power to provide our needs.

Over the past year and a half we have had the wonderful opportunity to work at Merced Baptist Church. During this time we have been able to grow spiritually and learn much about reaching people in this area. Now the time has come for us to begin this new church plant in Madera. We are so thankful for the opportunities that we have had to minister here and for the lessons we have learned to help us in the future. It is always difficult to leave people that you have been working with but it brings us joy to know that we are co-laborers together.

Missions work and church planting have always had obstacles ahead of them. We need your prayers as we begin the process of starting Liberty Baptist Church of Madera. We understand that there will be struggles ahead and we are thankful that we know the One with the solution to these circumstances. One thing that both deputation and this early time here in California has taught us is that we should not focus on the circumstances of life but keep our eyes on Christ. Please pray that we would all have our eyes fixed upon Christ, that God would continue to go before us, and that God will give me the wisdom as we begin this new ministry. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Reaching Madera,

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