



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters:

The year has quickly drawn to an end. It is hard to believe all that has gone on in 2014. While looking back at this year we have seen blessings and hardships. Most importantly we were able to see God's hand working in the ministry that He has established in Madera, California. This year has been busy distributing information about the new church and letting people know about Liberty Baptist Church. With the help of other local churches we have distributed about 16,000 John and Romans, 19,000 Invitation Cards, and about 3,500 gospel tracts. We have seen several visit the church while God has blessed us with the opportunity to minister directly to several families. Due to circumstances we have also lost some to job conflicts and health issues, but God has blessed us with one family coming consistently. Just as a baby takes time to adjust to new foods and learns to crawl, stand, walk, and run; a new church takes time to develop as well. Though there are certainly times that we feel like crying, it is God's strength that enables us to continue on. God has grown us and taught us many things in the last several months, and challenged us in the coming year.

In July we welcomed a new member to the family with the birth of our son Noah David. It has been exciting to watch the children interact with the new baby, and has given me more opportunities to take Nathan and Madelene on visitation with me. Nathan can distribute more information than most adults, but Madelene enjoys socializing and talking to those we meet on visitation. While on visitation a few weeks ago Madelene introduced herself to a lady that was working in her garage. Quickly we found out that she had a grand-daughter about Madelene's age. We invited her to church and the conversation grew cold. Her and her husband had no desire for church. She told me that when her husband lived in Japan, before World War II, that he was taught that there was no God. He had apparently seen some horrible things as a child during the war and has completely rejected God. Now toward the end of his life he drives his wheel chair to the front yard and watches the sky, birds, and trees, almost as if searching for something. I was thankful for Madelene to be with me because just one question from her quickly softened the hard heart of this lady. They talked for several more minutes before we continued on our way, but I believe that the door is still open. Please pray for this family that we will be able to reach them. After visiting with them, I have made it a point to drive around to that side of their neighborhood, each time the man has been looking around and the wife is working away in the garage.

God has been good to us over the last year and given us just what we needed. In the coming year I pray that God will cast a vision through me to those that are coming to Liberty Baptist Church. Madera is certainly a religious city but for so many it is an empty religion full of hopes instead of a fulfilling relationship full of promises. Pray with us that in the coming year we will see Liberty Baptist Church multiply. Thank you for all of your faithful support and prayers.

Reaching Madera,

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