



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

I want to start this letter by thanking everyone for all of your faithful support whether by financial giving or prayer. We are so thankful for the opportunity that God has given us to serve him. It has now been six months since we moved to California and we are excited about how the Lord is working and preparing us. When we first arrived in California, there was a definite adjustment period that we had to go through. Though we are still in America, there is indeed a different culture from what we were used to. Thankfully we are continuing to learn through these differences and at the same time seeing even more the great need to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the first two months of this year, I was able to preach every other Sunday night. We have begun a series on the parables of Christ. It has been wonderful to study for these parables and be able to share the lessons that I have learned with other people. I was able to spend two weeks preaching on the 'Four Soils' of Mathew 13. The following two messages were on 'The Mustard Seed' and the parable of the 'Fish and the Net'. After I finished preaching about the 'Fish and the Net' a man came to speak to me about salvation. I talked to him for more than half an hour about salvation and other problems that are going on in his life. I was reminded that night how great our salvation truly is. Please pray for this young man as he accepted Christ as his savior and now begins the journey to resist the strong holds that the devil has in his life. We have seen three people accept Christ as their Saviour in just the last two weeks. Pray that God will continue to have freedom to work in their heart and life. We are so excited to see more fruit that abounds to your account.

Finally, I would like to ask you to continue to pray for the youth group here at Merced Baptist Church. It has been such a pleasure to work with these young men and women during the last two months. We have seen both great victories in the lives of some of our teenagers and have also felt great heartache for some of our teenagers. My wife and I have learned much in these last few months about when to say things and how to say things to provoke our teenagers toward Godliness. Pray that God will continue to teach us, give us wisdom in how to point the teenagers toward Christ, and that God would have victory in the hearts and lives of these teens. Thank you again for all of your faithful support.

Reaching California,

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