



# THE Rasnake Family

## Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

Spring is in the air, and I have never lived in an agricultural community before. The last couple of months have been an adjusting time for my allergies. Here in the central valley of California you have a town and then it is surrounded by these amazing orchards, vineyards, and farms. It has been wonderful to watch and see how God's creation can flourish in this land. With this beautiful new growth have come some new allergy problems to work with.

Throughout this same time we have been able to see new growth here at the church in Merced. We are thankful that the young man from our last prayer letter has been continuing to come to church. Please continue to pray for him as we encourage him to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the biggest lesson I have begun to learn, here in California, is the need for patience. I have begun to see how important it is that I point to the Father and not just press for a change. If we are faithfully pointing men toward Christ, He will make the change in their life, and that change will last. It can be easy to press someone into conforming to our beliefs but that is not our job. Our job is to direct them toward Christ and allow Him to conform their life.

Throughout the next several prayer letters we are looking to get together a list of needs for our future church plant in Madera. We will be looking to move to Madera in January of next year. Please be in prayer about our housing arrangement in Madera as it seems to be a more difficult area to get a place to rent. We are confident that God has the right place picked out and will show that to us in His time.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and sacrifice toward the ministry that God has brought us to. It is by your faithful support that we are able to continue in Christ's work. It is an honor and blessing to be able to be used in His service here in California, and we look for God to grow and strengthen His church here.

Reaching California,

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