



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

March – April 2014

Dear Faithful Supporters,

This has been an exceptionally busy new year. In February we began introducing the residents of Madera to Liberty Baptist Church. From February until the beginning of the church plant in March we personally distributed some 8,000+ invitations and had an additional almost 10,000 distributed through the local newspaper. While I was visiting I came across many doors that had a sign, 'Este hogar es catolico. No aceptamos propaganda protestante ni de otras sectas.' My understanding is that this says, 'This home is Catholic. We do not accept other sects or Protestant propaganda.' So much of Madera is controlled by the Catholic Church. They do not desire to hear the truth if it goes against the ritual teachings of the Catholic Church. Please pray that we will be able to break through the verbal, cultural, and religious barriers that we face.



On March 23, Liberty Baptist Church held its first church services. During the coming week we had several families and individuals come from the community. As with any church some come and some go, but God is providing us with new contacts, and teaching us how to better minister. As the church has been operating for just over a month now, we have developed several regular attenders. Our desire is that these people would begin to attend more of the services that are offered. For some their work schedule doesn't allow them to come but one service a week. I am thankful for all that have been coming and their willingness to help us as we must setup and breakdown for each service. I have never asked for help but they quickly volunteered to help.

Holidays can always be a little unreliable in the area of attendance and that was certainly true as a new church. Our first holiday was Easter Sunday, and the morning crowd was missing several that had been coming. God has certainly been teaching us faithfulness, and testing our desire to serve him even if the response SEEMS small. Through a series of messages I have been encouraged that my calling is not to make results but to be faithful to Him. God is the one that provides the results, and I must preach as hard on the fruitful weeks as I do on the dry weeks. Many times when we see things it only seems small, but the fruit does not grow that week or month or even that year. God has called us to be faithful and allow Him to work. Memorial Day is coming soon and we are going to try and gather everyone together for a church picnic. Please pray that this will be a time we will all grow together and toward Christ.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support as the Lord builds Liberty Baptist Church!!!

Reaching Madera,

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