



# THE Rasnake Family

## Church planting in California

May – June 2014

Dear Faithful Supporters,

It has been an exciting spring and beginning of summer. With this being early in the existence of Liberty Baptist Church, I have wondered how the summer would be. So many times it seems that ground is lost during the summer and then once school begins attendance picks up as well. The first part of this summer has led to new situations and challenges. The attendance to our mid-week services has not been very good given job circumstances and just a lack of desire by some to be a part of church in the middle of the week. In response to the lack of attendance and several other needs that were going on, we invited the church to come over to have dinner and a meeting. During this time I took the opportunity to share my heart's desire to reach Madera. During the meeting I decided that a mid-week Bible study might be better attended on a different day and time. We have sense adjusted the schedule to see how things will work. Please pray with us that more people will join us in a time of prayer and Bible study. I will be using this time to begin some discipleship with those that attend.

One of our more regular attenders has been a big help in the early days of the church but has recently been able to retire and move back to be with his family in northern California. This has been a hard couple of months as a close friend has been very sick recently and much of the day he must battle against sever pain in his back. Please pray that he will not get out of church after he gets moved and that his insurance will allow him to have a much needed back surgery.

In the last month God has brought people into the church to visit that seemed very interested, only to see them leave to visit another church. I believe that God will build His church here in Madera and perhaps He will bring some of these families back to the church. During this time I have been comforted, reminded, and strengthened through God's Word, God's people, and preaching; that we are all called to be faithful. No matter our circumstances or the situation that we find our self in, God expects us to be faithful to His calling on our life.

In conclusion, it is wonderful to know that we have a God that has overcome death and sin. Early this summer it was a pleasure to have two young men from a local Bible college come on visitation with us. That Wednesday we were blessed to see two young ladies accept Christ as their savior. Please pray that we will be able to make contact with them and their family in the coming months.

Reaching Madera,

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