



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

As Christians, I believe we are living in exciting times, and during this time it is wonderful to have the peace of knowing that we are serving the Lord of lords and the King of kings. In the past several months, time seems to be moving faster than we are able to accomplish our goals for the day. I am sure that many of you fill the same, and are finding that it is so easy to get consumed by the hurried pace of the world around us. It is wonderful to be busy about the Lord's work. This year we will be planning a special Christmas for the children at the church here in Merced. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving service on both the Sunday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and finished up a Sunday school campaign during the month of November.

This Christmas we are excited to be able to help teach the true meaning of Christmas to all of the children that come to Merced Baptist Church. Pastor Doss started a bus route last year and we have seen many young children, teenagers, and even several adults faithfully come to church. Many of these children see Christmas as Santa Clause and gifts, but do not realize that the real meaning of Christmas is about the most special gift that was ever given to man. This year we will be having a surprise celebration for the children. We are praying that we will be able to see children receive, this most precious of all gifts, the gift of salvation.

It is great to see how the Lord is faithful to his servants as they are faithful to him. Throughout November we had a competition that encouraged faithfulness to church and its outreach ministry. We were able to see more people become involved in both the organized outreach as well as making outreach a part of their daily life. During the competition we had visitors every week. Pray that we will be able to continue this excitement and faithfulness to God into the next year.

We would like to say a special thanks to those that gave toward the hymn books. We have received enough money to be able to purchase the number of hymn books we were praying for. Please continue to pray that God will give me wisdom and guidance. The closer we get to the start of this new church the more I find myself earnestly pleading to God. It is wonderful to see how God is working, and I can not express how thankful I am for your prayers.

Reaching Madera,

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