

The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California



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Dear Faithful Supporters:

Spring is here and the rainy season seems to be coming to an end. The last couple of months have seen prayer requests answered and the beginning of our doctrinal study. We have been able to add another family to our Saturday visitation time, and have been able to invite more people to our services. Amber was able to lead our oldest son to Christ earlier this month, and we are praying for the salvation of a new contact here in town.

In our last prayer letter I mentioned that there were several prayer requests involving some of our church members. Just a couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of asking the Lord to bless the new home of a couple in our church. A few weeks before we had some friends from Merced and this family over to our house for dinner. They are all from the Philippines and had a great time of fellowship together. The more traditional Filipino food was great as well!!

This year has been the rainiest year we have seen and back in January a river that has been dry for well over ten years was flooded. This rain has been good but also has caused more pest problems and a leak at the church. It has taken the owner of the building a while to find the problem which has turned out to be a big job. We have been able to patch the ceiling temporarily but are still waiting for the repairs to the roof. Please pray that these repairs will be made soon.

The first several weeks of this year I have preached on the need to reach our community with the gospel. Since we have started the church our visitation program has mostly been just our family going out witnessing on Saturdays. This year our newest members have commented that they wanted to go out visiting. For several weeks the time seemed to slip away and they couldn't make it. The Lord continued to work in their hearts, and they told me, 'We will be there except for two weeks.' The week before they came up to me and said, 'We will be there on Saturday, and do our other things latter.' What a blessing it is to see God work and move in the hearts and lives of His people. We have passed out hundreds of invitations for our Easter Service, and are praying that we will see fruit over the next few weeks. Please pray that God will continue to work in their life, and that we will see some results from these visits.

Last week I started a new series that will eventually cover doctrinal beliefs. I am starting with a couple of messages centered on salvation and then building from that point into a solid Bible foundation of doctrinal beliefs. It has been an exciting week as my wife was able to lead Nathan, our oldest son, to Christ. He made the comment to her that if something happened he wouldn't go to heaven and that he needed to get saved. Now he says to us, "When you die I will get to see you again in heaven!!" I am so thankful that Nathan has made this decision personally. Hopefully we will be able to use a sister church's baptismal pool soon.

Thank you for all of your faithful prayers and support. We are praising God for several answered prayers recently and for the salvation of Nathan. Recently a pastor in the next town over let me know about a lady that is at the edge of accepting Christ and who lives in our community. Please pray for Gale to accept Christ and that we would be able to minister to her through the church. I would also ask you to pray for wisdom for me and new opportunities to expand our ministry. Thank you again for your faithful prayers.

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