



The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California

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Dear Faithful Supporters:

This Summer we had a Friend Day service. We printed up special invitations, did a lot of extra visiting, and planed some special things for our visitors that day. Several of our church members ended up sick that Sunday, but we were able to have one new visitor. When he came to the service he said that he had been watching us every week for several months. We had a wonderful service and are praying that we will see him again soon. With the end of summer we are quickly reminded of the holiday season that will be upon us soon. We will be working on special days for October, November, and December. Please pray that we will see visitors and be able to see people accept Christ.

Each year the ladies in our church attend a conference at Lancaster Baptist Church. This year we had two new ladies going on the trip. They all seemed to enjoy the meeting as well as learn from others. There was around 1600 ladies that attended this years meeting. It is such a blessing to have a place for them to get away from daily life for a few days, and receive good Biblical instruction.

I mentioned in my last prayer letter that I was traveling to New Mexico for the MWBM orientation. It was a wonderful time of instruction, encouragement, challenge, as well as rest. We were able to see the ministry of Pastor Don Chitty. Each message and class was extremely helpful and convicting. This was also to be a time to rest and connect with fellow church planters. We had a wonderful time getting to know one another and share with one another. The needs across our country are great and we truly serve a wonderful God. Pray for a rich harvest here in our own nation.

Just weeks after my last prayer letter I received a phone call from a fellow pastor here in California. This pastor originally met Gale and set up my first meeting with her. He was calling to let me know that she had passed away. I had spoken to her just a little more than a week before. During the time that I knew her I was able to speak to her twice about salvation. Much of her religious experience was in the Catholic Church and the confusion between what she had always heard and what God's Word was saying was great. I am not sure if Gale ever trusted Christ as her Savior, but I am certainly reminded of the battle that we face here in Madera. The Catholic Church has a strangle hold on the lives of most members in our community. The battle is real and the results are eternal. Please pray that people will be open to God's Word.

The week of our Friend Day services Amber got sick. Over the next couple of weeks she battled against a bad infection. During this time the doctors were concerned about some things that were going on. She has recovered from the infection but the doctors are running some tests to see what else is going on. I have also received a call from my doctor that he was concerned about some moles. In the next couple of weeks I will be meeting with him to find out what is going on. Please pray that the doctors will have wisdom and that we will be able to get ahead of any problems that may arise. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

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