



THE Rasnake Family

Church planting in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

The new year is here and in full swing. I am excited about what God has prepared here in Madera California. Over the last several months I have been working to get all of the required government paper work finalized, open a bank account for the church, order items needed for the church, begin to organize our first services, develop a visitation program, and begin promoting the first week of meetings for Liberty Baptist Church of Madera. Needless to say this doesn't include everything but it certainly has taken a large portion of my time.

Beginning a new church, in America or in a foreign field, often times requires much patience with governmental agencies. I have certainly experienced this myself. California is a state that requires more information than probably any other state. Needless to say it has taken several phone calls, a long application, a couple of application fees, a couple of letters for more information, and a phone interview before getting all of the needed paper work.

While I was waiting for the proper paper work from the state of California, I also learned much about church finances and accounting. Once more I discovered that seemingly everything is dependent upon some government documentation that is needed. Thankfully I know a God that provides those needs. I was able to get bank accounts established for the church and begin to make reservations for our church services. We have received some funds to cover the first three months of rent for the church. It is my desire that we would be able to start the church with at least six months of rent in the bank. Each day of services is \$80. If you could give toward this goal you can send a check directly to Liberty Baptist Church of Madera or you can send it to Macedonia World Baptist Mission: For Church rent. If we all work together I am sure we can raise funds for these 26 services.

Over the last several months I have been preparing to distribute invitation cards and a copy of John & Romans to every home in the city of Madera. I have 20,000 of these to deliver and have taken on this task with the goal of using this to develop a strong visitation program. If Liberty Baptist Church is going to make a difference in the city of Madera we must constantly be connecting with the people of Madera. On our church website I am developing a series of visitation maps that divide the city into three main maps and then again into multiple sections. Through this I am literally able to know at a glance where we have been and how recently we have been there. I am excited to see how the Lord is going to use and develop this tool in reaching the lost people here in Madera. Please pray with us, as we have begun to use this tool, that we will see salvations and members join with us in reaching Madera.

Reaching Madera,

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