

The Rasnake Family

Church Planters in California

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

We made it, and now the fun begins. We are excited to be able to write this letter from the place that God has called us to go. The trip out here was exciting, and we received all kinds of warm welcomes. We have also had the pleasure of being able to present in a couple of churches out here in California.

With the big trip behind us and swarms of opportunities ahead, we are excited and blessed to be in the service of the Lord. When we first arrived in California, we received a wonderful welcome by the city that we moved to in the form of two parking tickets at the same time. I have quickly learned that what was legal in Georgia is not necessarily legal in California. This was the beginning of the learning experience that our family has been going through. It has made me more thankful for the missionaries that have traveled to foreign lands and had to endure much more than a little parking ticket, while at the same time reminded me how important it is for us to establish more Biblical churches to help support these missionaries. When we arrived in Merced, we were blessed to receive such a warm welcome from the people of Merced Baptist Church. People have helped us in so many ways as we are beginning to learn how to get around town.

When we left Georgia on August 1st, God had provided the funds to pay for the container that we sent out to California as well as some of the traveling expenses that we incurred. Thank you so much to those that were able to help us with these expenses. It is still amazing to look back and see how God has provided. With that being said, we are still looking for God to provide the last \$2400 needed to pay off the setup expenses that we had. We have a year to payoff this amount and are confident that God will take care of this expense as well.

Since we arrived here in California, we have had several opportunities to meet some of the churches spread throughout the state. It has been wonderful to gain the support of these churches in our endeavor to start a church in Madera, CA. Many of these churches are interested in helping get the church started and have offered to help provide us with music and preaching for our first services. While we have been able to share our calling of God to start a church in Madera, we have also had the opportunity to start working in the ministry at Merced Baptist Church. The Pastor has allowed me to preach, teach an adult Sunday School class, and help in building their bus ministry. I am very thankful for these opportunities and am learning more everyday as we minister in many different ways.

Thank you for all of your support and especially for your prayers. Though we have a great distance between many of us, we can have direct connection through the power of prayer. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to reach California and know that we are praying for you as well.

Reaching California,
David Rasnake

PS. Please note that our new contact information is on the letter head. Our phone number did not change.



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