

The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California



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Dear Faithful Supporters:

A new year is upon us, and we are excited to be celebrating the first anniversary of Liberty Baptist Church. With the New Year we have begun to make some new investments, started a new area of ministry, and have been able to help in current areas of ministry. Over the last year we have had several visitors attend our services and the most common complaint was our seating arrangements. We have been able to purchase some cushioned chairs that will accommodate the need to setup and break down after each service. It was nice to see the response to the new seating the first week that we had them. In addition to adding seating we have begun a new ministry by which I have a daily verse. I Peter 2:2 says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere **Milk of the Word**, that ye may grow thereby." This verse serves as the basis for the daily Milk of the Word. I have encouraged the church to sign up for the daily e-mail that challenges us with a verse or two and a short couple of sentences. This has served as an opportunity for conversation as well as an outreach tool for others. This has also challenged me in bringing together a daily lesson, for myself first and then to share with others. After having started this we have seen more traffic through our website and it has created ways to share more about the church. We have also invested in some assistance for our music ministry at the church. At the first services that we had at Liberty Baptist Church, our electronic keyboard quit working. Since then we have done all of our music without instruments. It has been a challenge at times in the area of music. Being able to sing along with a piano is of great assistance. We have invested in a piece of equipment that will greatly help in the area of music. The device that we are using matches up to the hymn book and plays hundreds of hymns. Not only that it has many functions that allow me to customize the music or even pause in between verses. This Sunday was the first time using it and I was excited to hear new voices singing.

The New Year has also given us some great weather to get out more and visit around the town. Recently I was out visiting a neighborhood and meet five 'Jehovah's Witnesses'. After sharing who I was and what I was doing one of the men, the leader of the group, said that I was the only other person he had seen out visiting people outside of their church. When I came around the corner I realized more about the spiritual battle that was raging that day and every day in the city of Madera. Several more groups from the Kingdom Hall were out visiting. Here I was a lone voice of truth in the midst of 28 people that where sacrificing so much for something so wrong. Rarely does a month go by that a 'Jehovah's Witnesses' isn't knocking on our door. Though we live in America we still face great spiritual warfare for the souls of men and women, boys and girls. Thank you for your support and prayers as we strive to reach Madera with the gospel.

Reaching Madera,

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