

The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California



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Dear Faithful Supporters:

The summer is upon us here in California, and we are excited to see what God has ahead of us. Over the last two months we have seen several new contacts on visitation. Recently we have meet several new families in Madera and are encouraging them to come and visit. We are also looking to send out new move-in packets each month to some of the newest members of our community. We are praying that the Lord will bless as we strive to make first contact with these new residents.

While we are interested in contacting those in transition to our community, we are still reaching out to many people in Madera that have lived here most of their life. Recently I spoke to a man that has grown up here in Madera and will be turning 71 this year. Though I had spoken to him before, God opened the opportunity to share with him the gospel. We were talking about how we almost assume that we will always have good health but just how quickly that can change. I took the opportunity to share the importance of making a decision to accept Christ as Savior now. While I was speaking to him, I noticed his eyes beginning to water and tears begin to form. I truly believe that he understood what I was saying, but like Agrippa said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian", he was battling the examples of Christianity in his past. He told me of those around him growing up and in his life that claimed to be saved but failed in their testimony as a Christian. I tried to share with him that his eyes can't be focused on man, but upon God. I will be visiting him again and I pray that the Lord will work in his heart toward salvation. This has also been a reminder to me how much others might be watching us. As Christians we would never desire to hinder a man from accepting Christ but that is what has happened in this man's life.

Amber's father was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and required some surgery. We traveled back to be with him for the surgery and were excited to find out that the surgery seemed to be successful. He will still be monitored to make sure that they got all of the cancer but the doctors did not feel the need for radiation. Thank you to so many who have prayed and are praying that it will not come back again.

Finally, I would like to ask for your prayers as we look at a church building here in town. Several of our visitors have mentioned that they enjoyed the service but would like to be in a more traditional church building. This is certainly not a must as the current building seats us and supplies what we need, but I have noticed a church in town that we might be able to rent. I have been in touch with the pastor of that church and am praying that God will give me guidance in being able to rent this new building. The building is in the middle of a neighborhood with about 500 residence and an adjoining neighborhood with about 400 residence. Please pray with us about getting into this building. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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