



The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California

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Dear Faithful Supporters:

Please forgive me in my delay of writing this prayer letter. As many of you know already, the Lord has been working in a wonderful way here in California. On August 20th I resigned from Macedonia World Baptist Missions, because the Lord has joined together Liberty Baptist Church with Madera Baptist Church.

On September 4th I was voted in unanimously as the assistant pastor and will be working with the Pastor until he retires. I am excited to see how through this transition God has been working in wonderful ways.

The building that we have rented for the last two years has needed some repairs and the landlord has not taken care of those needs. I was aware that at one time he was seeking to sell the property but has not been able to find a buyer. The day I turned in the keys I found out there are more problems going on. The Lord moved us out before anymore issues came up. I am so thankful for His perfect timing.

Since we have merged together I have seen the Lord work in a number of ways. I am specifically responsible for our children's ministry which has seen some growth and excitement. With the addition of five children from our church we have started another Sunday school class, and several of the children that had stopped attending church have come back because there are others in class.

One of the first projects that I had was to update the church's website. After working through some problems with the old website, I have completely redesigned it. The website has been a great source for people in our community, and presents a Christ honoring church in the dark world in which we live. Many have commented on how nice it is and how much easier it is to use. I have also been able to design several new cards for the church. I printed a new Visitor's Card, Invitation Card, and a special Friend Day Card.

This past Sunday was a big outreach into the community here in Madera, California. We had a Friend Day and Classic Car Show. Those who had a classic car drove them to church and parked across the front of the parking lot. We had over 20 visitors come for the morning worship service. They received a solid salvation message and afterward we were able to spend time fellowshiping over a nice meal. Several of our visitors mentioned that they will be returning, and one man commented, "I think I found me a church!" Our teen Sunday school class doubled in size, our nursery had three new babies / toddlers, and our children's church class was full. Please pray for us as we follow up on our new visitors. Pray for salvation and for new members.

Since our churches have merged we have seen nine new members. In the last six months there have been more than twenty new members. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is blessing. Since I have resigned with the mission board, they will no longer be receiving our support effective November 1st. Some have asked about continuing to support us through this transition, as I will not be receiving a full salary from the church yet. Madera Baptist Church will be able to receive that support and will add any support they receive to the amount they are able to pay me. I am currently losing about \$750 per month in support. If you desire to continue supporting me please contact me and I will get you the information to send the check to Madera Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone for all of your support for these many years. Please know that the gospel is still being proclaimed and that fruit may abound to your account.

Reaching Madera,

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