



The Rasnake Family

Church Planting In California

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Dear Faithful Supporters:

The summer heat has quickly changed into much cooler weather and hopefully plenty of rain this winter. With the cooler temperatures we have seen more people outside as we are on visitation. The last couple of months we have had a lady and her adult son visit with us. As with so many people in society today, they had just stopped going to church. Life seems to get busy so easy and priorities failed in their true importance. Please pray for them as we reach out and help them in the midst of hard times.

Recently I was asked to speak at a preacher's fellowship meeting. While fellowshipping with several other pastors in the central valley I was asked about any needs. It has been my desire that we would have a couple or a family that would be able to faithfully help in areas of service at the church. Please pray that God would provide a couple to help in this area.

Over the past couple of years my wife has had a few problems with her back. Typically she has been able to take it easy and with time the pain has subsided. Recently the pain had gotten much worse to the point that she could not do any of her regular tasks. After seeing a doctor, who referred us to another doctor, and several tests latter; we discovered that she has two bulging disks and some degeneration. This is something that flares up from time to time, and now she understands better where her limits must be. We praise God that it was not anything more serious.

Finally, I have been preaching a series on the book of Philippians. As Paul writes, from prison, to the church in Philippi, he exhorts them to be motivated by his suffering and not intimidated. With the news of a college campus shooting in Oregon, and then more recently of the knife attack at the University of California in Merced, we must understand the dark days in which we live. In the midst of this darkness we must not find ourselves and our churches hiding the light of the gospel. The wickedness around us should serve as a motivation to, as it says in Philippians 4:14 "...Press toward the mark".

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