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September/October 2020 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you so much for all of you who were praying during my wife's pregnancy. We are so happy to announce that our little baby boy, Jonathan Baxter Dean Ward, was born on October 7, 2020 at 8:11 pm. He was born healthy and strong and the labor and delivery went well, and very quickly. We arrived at the hospital shortly after 7:00pm and less than an hour later he was here. God is so good! Holly is recovering very well from everything and I am always amazed at how strong she is. PLEASE PRAY for Jonathan to continue to grow healthy and strong and to put on the weight he needs. So far, he's doing very well. PLEASE PRAY for him and all our children to be saved at a very early age and for us as parents to raise them so that they will never depart from the Lord.

As the restrictions from the Coronavirus lockdowns are starting to lift, we are seeing our schedule increase substantially. We now have meetings scheduled almost every week going forward through the end of this year and into Spring of next year. God has blessed us with some wonderful opportunities to meet so many like-minded Christians who are eager to see Southern California reached with the gospel. The generosity of God's people cannot be overstated. It is an incredible encouragement to know that people are praying for us throughout our journey of planting a church in Riverside. I've told several churches that we have presented at that "Everyone might not be able to support financially, but everyone can support in prayer."

God is using the preaching opportunities in an incredible way. I've had several people from different churches tell me how they were moved to make changes in their life regarding their soul winning zeal. God's Word is powerful!

PLEASE PRAY for us while we hit the deputation trail on a more full-time basis moving forward. Pray that God will provide safety for us as we travel, and that there would be no issues with our vehicle. It is a newer minivan and is in great shape so I don't anticipate any trouble but anything can happen as you travel hundreds, and even thousands of miles. One thing our van doesn't have is enough space for all our stuff once we'll be gone for months at a time. We are looking into getting a small cargo trailer for all the stuff we need traveling with four small children. (If you have small kids you know what I'm talking about). PLEASE PRAY we will be able to find the right trailer at the right price at the right time.

Please continue to PRAY for my neighbor Ricardo. He needs to be saved along with everyone else in his house. As I explained in our last letter, he is in a false religion that teaches a works-based salvation, but he is open to hearing more from me about the Bible. I ask that you would PRAY for me to make the time to talk to him, despite my very busy schedule.

Our current support level is now at 15%. Thank you for praying.

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