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May/June 2021 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you to all of the individuals and churches who are partnering with us, both in prayer and in finances. Your support is greatly appreciated. As we continue on deputation there are so many blessings to report. God is, as always, meeting our needs and keeping us under His wings.

Since our last prayer letter, we have had six more churches take us on for monthly support. It is so great to receive the support of these churches through the faithful giving of God's people to missions. We know that without their support, what we're doing would not be possible. PLEASE PRAY that more churches would take us on for support over the next several months and for our support to increase quickly.

As the COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift across the country it has made deputation much easier. Even our home state of California has lifted all COVID restrictions, including the mask mandate! It's easier to travel, especially with small children, when you don't have to always remember to bring your mask.

We had the blessing of being back home for about ten days over Memorial Day and into June, and it was great to be in our sending church and seeing family and friends again. I had the privilege to preach in our home church once again, which is always a joy. It also gave us the chance to go soul winning with our church family again and share the gospel where God has called us. While not everyone was receptive or even friendly to us being out in the neighborhood, it was great nonetheless. PLEASE PRAY for the people of California who so desperately need to be saved.

Deputation always comes with challenges, and we've had a few. At the end of April all of our girls came done with a horrible stomach bug. Our two oldest had it the worst. Being in a hotel room at around 2:00 am and kids crying and being sick is not easy but I thank the Lord for His strength to be there for them when they needed it. I also thank the Lord that it was only a day or two and they were all back to normal. PLEASE PRAY for our continued health as we travel, as that sometimes can wreak havoc on the immune system.

Our current support level is 40%.

The Ward Family Planting Revival Baptist Church in Riverside, CA