



The DOSS FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN CALIFORNIA

Fall 2021

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

I apologize for the delay in sending an update. Our summer has been extremely busy and exciting. We rejoice in the small victories that God has given to us and need your continued prayers for the challenges we face.

In June we were able to attend teen camp with some of our young people and God moved in our small group in a great way. Many of our young people and young adults with us, spent time at the altar with many tears being shed. God worked in both mine and Dawn's heart as well, and encouraged us in a great way. We came away from camp refreshed and renewed.

A week after getting back from teen camp, our tenant finally vacated the remaining third of our building and we immediately set about renovating the acquired space to use for our youth ministries. We had only a few days before the start of our VBS and had both some quick renovations to do as well as passing out the remainder of our VBS invitation cards. I don't know if it is COVID or coldness, or both, but we are not seeing much, if any results of any of our outreach efforts. We had a good VBS and great spirit, but did not see many visitors from our outreach efforts. Still, we rejoice over the one family that came every night, and visited our church for several Sundays after the end of VBS.

At the end of VBS we began making preparations for our annual church family camp. This is a time for our church family to get away from the hustle and bustle of life for a few days and enjoy a time of spiritual refreshment. The camp that we rent had made some changes since the start of COVID and this caused us an extra amount of work. In addition, I prepared eight sermons to preach to our people during our three day getaway. By the time we returned, Dawn and I were completely exhausted. Praise the Lord, we have heard from many of those who attended how God helped them and encouraged them during our time in the mountains.

As soon as we got back, there was still much work to do on the new youth center, as well as preparations for the start of a new children's and youth ministry that would be replacing our previous Sunday School and Children's church ministries. These ministries had been shut down since the start of COVID and after much prayer and consideration, we set September 1 as a launch date for this new ministry. We've gotten off to a good but bumpy start as COVID is now spreading through some of our young people since their return to the schoolroom. Please pray as we endeavor to instill Bible doctrine in these young hearts.

Almost a year to the last time they both had COVID, our sons both got sick again in August. This second bout with the virus seemed to be a little milder and did not last as long. We praise the Lord for our children and how God is using them. Please keep them and us in your prayers. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

In Christ,

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