



The DOSS FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN CALIFORNIA

Winter 2021

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

We thank God for you and for your prayers. As with most churches, this season of life has been difficult, uncertain, and challenging. I praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness and grace. As we go through the busy holiday season, I am reminded that in everything we should give thanks. And though times are a little tough, there is still so much for which to be thankful.

The last few months have been a source of great joy. In September we kicked off our new Bible Explorers Clubs for our youth. Though we have not seen a great jump in attendance, it is great to see some of the young people from our city coming back to church. One group of four young people, come from a very bad home. A life filled with drugs, neglect, and gang activity. Yet, God has allowed us to find these four young people who have a love for church and desire to know more about God. Over the years God has allowed us to reach several such young people in our city. Recently one of our former bus kids, who is now a senior at PCC, sent me a text and shared a letter she received in her campus mailbox. The letter was from the president of the college informing her that she is one of just a handful of students chosen to be recognized for their outstanding Christian character and service in the upcoming yearbook. If you could only see where this young lady has come from and what God has done in her life, you'd be amazed. This is fruit to your account, for sending us to help rescue those like Lupita, out of a life of sin. Please pray for those young people God sends our way.

October was a very busy month for us. The temperatures here in the valley finally begin to cool off, after several months hovering in the upper 90's and low 100's. It is a great time of the year for us to engage in more outreach opportunities. We had a wonderful missions Sunday with two missionary families, both of which are hindered from returning to their fields of service. But the highlight of the month is a special Sunday we call our Hometown Harvest Sunday. On this Sunday we celebrate the diversity of our congregation and how God has literally brought the mission fields of the world to us. We encourage people to embrace their foreign cultures, sing special songs in their native tongues, and share a testimony of how they came to know Christ. Our small church had around a dozen different nationalities and cultures that comprise our congregation. It was a great Sunday and a little taste of heaven on earth.

We have just finished a quiet Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Our youngest son was able to spend Thanksgiving with my parents in North Carolina, but we are looking forward to having both our children with us during the Christmas break. It will be the first time back in California in a year for both of them. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you also to the several churches that bless us each year with gifts for Christmas. Keep praying for our work here in California.

In Christ,

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