

**OSS FAMILY** HURCH PLANTING IN CALIFORNIA

Spring 2022

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

Greeting in the name of the Lord from sunny, central California. We thank God for your faithful prayers and support. It is needed now more than ever during this very expensive time to live. California has the highest gas prices in the continental United States. It is also one of the most expensive places to buy or rent a home. Yet, the central valley, due to its agricultural base, is one of the least affordable places in our country. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in helping us reach the people of California.

We have been blessed to see four more people receive Christ as their savior over the last couple of months. People are growing in their faith, but Satan is fighting them as well. We have also finished our distribution of gospel literature packets in the small town of Chowchilla. Only twenty miles south of Merced, this town of almost 20,000 people has your run of the mill non-denominational churches, along with the standard Catholic church, but Chowchilla has no good New Testament church where people can hear God's Word preached faithfully and truthfully. We would love to see God begin a church in this place and so we have planted the seed by going door-to-door and delivering the gospel to the homes there. This outreach required three different trips by groups from our church. The first Saturday distribution we had over 30 people from our church travel down to Chowchilla and distribute these packets. Please pray that God will bless the seed we have planted in this town.

Later this summer and fall, we are planning on going to other small towns near to us and distributing more packets. Livingston is a town about 20 miles north of us and has a population of almost 15,000. About five miles further north is the small town of Delhi, which has around 12,000 people in population. These are just a few of the many smaller cities and towns in the Central Valley of California that have no gospel witness. Please pray as we attempt to reach our Judea.

Summer is always a busy time for us, and this year is no different. Dawn and I will be traveling to Georgia near the end of this month to attend the orientation at Macedonia. After the end of the meeting at the mission board, we are driving up to spend a week with my parents. Our sons will be flying in from Florida to join us in North Carolina for the week. We are excited to be reunited once again with our children and my family. It has been years since we have all been together in the same place.

Once we return from our trip back east, we will hit the ground running for the rest of the summer. We have our annual Vacation Bible School planned for July, and our summer Spiritual Retreat scheduled for the beginning of August. Thankfully my health has cleared up and I'm feeling much better. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for thinking of us and caring for us.

In Christ.

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