## The Ward Family

Daniel, Holly, Hannah, Charity, Gloria, Jonathan Church Planters to Riverside, CA

## Revival Baptist Church



## January/February 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we thank you for your faithfulness in supporting this ministry, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to us always. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

After council from our Pastor and our Mission Board, we have agreed it is best for us to delay the start of the church plant, which was scheduled to open on April 2, 2023. Our support has not reached the level we believed it would have by this time. We are not at 100% of our support, nor are we close enough to begin. As many experienced men have advised me, it is better to delay the start, than to start and have to stop later on because we would not have the finances to continue. To start the church without the necessary finances would place a burden on our family and on our ministry that would be difficult to bear. PLEASE PRAY for us to have wisdom going forward.

The last two months have seen us continue to travel on deputation. We have been in churches in California, Arizona, and Utah. As always, we are so blessed by every church we visit, as their enthusiasm and encouragement encourage us in our effort to see a church planted in California. We will be on deputation longer than we originally thought, and while it is not what we wanted, we know that God is in control of the entire situation, and that none of this has taken Him by surprise. PLEASE PRAY for us to remain safe on our deputation travels, PLEASE PRAY for our schedule to fill up once again, and PLEASE PRAY for our support to increase so that we reach 100% quickly.

We are continuing to evangelize in our community, and in the past two months we have distributed 6,000 postcards, and nearly 1,000 door hangers, with the message of hope found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our children love to go soul winning with us, and it is blessing to see our children enthusiastically place door hangers throughout Riverside. PLEASE PRAY for the people of Riverside and throughout Southern California, that their hearts would be open to receive the gospel. PLEASE PRAY for God to give us boldness to witness and to preach the gospel with compassion and clarity.









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