



The Ward

Family

Church Planters to Riverside, CA

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January and February 2024 Prayer Letter

In Amos 8:11, the Bible says, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor of thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Southern California is certainly one of the areas of our country experiencing this famine. We have passed out nearly one thousand flyers for our Bible study and not one person has responded. I do not write this to complain about our circumstances. God has always been good to us in our ministry. I write this to make you aware of the serious need in the field God has called us to. **PLEASE PRAY** for the people in our field to open their hearts and their minds to the Word of God, and **PLEASE PRAY** for us that we would not get discouraged in the face of this spiritual famine.



However, not all news is sobering. One of our neighbors, Alfonso, has responded to our outreach very positively. I have had some very friendly and encouraging conversations with

him. One Saturday morning, as we were passing out flyers for the Bible study, he was out in his front yard and asked me how my Grandmother was doing. As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, my Grandmother went home to heaven in December. I had not spoken with Alfonso for many months, so how he knew about my Grandmother's declining health is beyond me. Some things can only be explained by God. **PLEASE PRAY** for me to show him the love of Christ as I foster our relationship and speak to him in more depth about his spiritual condition. I gave him a John & Romans, which he greatly appreciated. He is definitely sensitive to spiritual things. **PLEASE PRAY** for Alfonso to be saved and that he would allow me to disciple him.



We were blessed to add two more supporting churches, one in California, and one in Oregon. While there have been some slow times in raising our support, it is encouraging to see our support increase, as we inch ever closer to reaching our full support. As we continue to raise support our calendar for February and March is almost full. We had the privilege, for the first time, of presenting our ministry in a Spanish-speaking church in Los Angeles. The Pastor translated as I preached on the subject of not hiding the gospel from 2 Corinthians 4. We have meetings scheduled in California, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia. We will be putting

in many more miles on the van, and many more hours on the road. **PLEASE PRAY** for us to have continued safety on the road. It is only by God's grace that we have been kept safe after so many thousands of miles on the road. We would also ask that you **PLEASE PRAY** for the remainder of our support to be raised quickly. We only need about ten more churches to partner with us and we'll have the support that we need.

In the service of the Lord Jesus Christ,
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