Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

Summer 2024

Grace and blessings to you in the name of Christ. The summer season has been busy and hot, but we are grateful for God's continued blessings here in California. The hour is late and the need is great, and though it is sometimes tough work in the nation's most liberal state, we are grateful for the souls God has brought to Him here in this dark place.

In June we took our church family up to the mountains for a couple days away for our annual spiritual retreat. This annual event has been used by God to develop a great unity in our church, and to strengthen the spirituality of our people. But it is a lot of work. Dawn and I prepare and plan not only all the activities but all the meals at the camp and I also preach about eight times in three and half days. God gave us wonderful weather this year and we had new Christians who joined with us. It is so exciting to see their passion for the Lord grow.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held the second week of July. This is the first time we have held a five-night VBS since before the pandemic. Our church distributed over 2500 VBS invitation cards in the weeks prior to the VBS. God blessed us with a good attendance each night, averaging over 70 children and adults each night with many visitors from the community. Please pray for the seed planted during this time.

Last week we hosted our second ever Exalt Youth Camp at the same campground in the mountains where we had our spiritual retreat. Three churches from here in the Central Valley of California came together for this year's camp. We had around twenty young people and several adults attending this year's camp. Brother Nathan Saunders, field director with Macedonia, was our guest speaker and we had a wonderful week. Several young people made decisions about serving the Lord, sharing their faith with others, and one young man accepted Christ as his Savior. Please pray for Jordan as he is a recent high school graduate and is not only beginning a new chapter in his life, but now a new walk with Christ.

We have seen an uptick in visitors lately, but most are not returning. It seems people are searching but often don't know what they should be searching for in finding a church or in regard to faith. Many it seems are seeking music, ministry and entertainment that pleases their flesh, but preaching that feeds their souls. The two don't go together and so these restless souls continue to wander searching for something that doesn't exist. Please pray that God would open the eyes of those seeking for the truth and lead us to them. Thank you as always for your continued prayers and support. God bless.

In Christ,

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