

# Ward Riverside, CA

Daniel, Holly, Hannah, Charity, Gloria, Jonathan, and Benjamin



## May and June 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The prayers of God's people were answered. On May 22, at 11:54pm our baby boy, Benjamin Michael Ward was born! Our children prayed for a baby brother and God gave them what they asked for. It's a great lesson for them to learn that God hears and answers the prayers of children. The labor and delivery went very smoothly. Of all five of our children, it was the quickest and easiest delivery. Holly and baby Benjamin are both doing great. She is recovering well, he is growing just as he should, and is now one month old. On his first doctor's visit, they said he was a perfect baby! **PLEASE PRAY** for Holly's continued recovery and for Benjamin's growth and development.

We were originally scheduled to hold our "Get Acquainted Meetings" on June 22-23 and our opening Sunday on June 29. However, the insurance paperwork required by the school district took too long for us to get everything approved in time. We praise the Lord that now we do have the insurance we need to use the school's facilities. Because of the way the school district's calendar works we cannot apply again until July 1. If the application process goes smoothly and if it is approved by the school district our "Get Acquainted Meetings" will be held September 3-4, and our opening Sunday will be September 7. **PLEASE PRAY** that everything goes well with the application at the school district and in preparing for the opening of our church plant. This has been a long, long journey, and we have had a lot of bumps in the road, but are praying that there will be no more delays.

In July we are hosting our second "Summer Kids Club" at a local park. Last year the event went very well, even though we had much less preparation time and had a small handful of children attend. We are praying that with more time to prepare and advertise the event that many more kids and families will show up. We have 1,000 flyers we will distribute throughout the neighborhood over the next few weeks. **PLEASE PRAY** for many kids to be signed up and attend the "Summer Kids Club," for anyone who comes who is not saved to accept Christ as their Savior, and for everyone to have a safe and fun time.

At the end of June several wildfires broke out across Riverside Country. So far we are safe and have not had to be evacuated, but one of the fires is only 30 minutes from our house, and another one broke out right next to a store just five minutes from our house, but fire crews quickly put out that fire. **PLEASE PRAY** for all the firefighters who are working overtime to keep the fires from spreading, and pray that we would not have to be evacuated and for no lives to be lost. Thankfully the wind is not that bad, but these fires always present a danger to us in Southern California.

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.

For the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, The Ward Family

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