



The

Ward

Family

Church Planters to
Riverside, CA

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



July and August 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We want to begin by praising the Lord that our application with the school district was approved and our opening Sunday will take place on September 7. The Lord has given us great favor with the school. The principal is a Christian and she has been very helpful and welcoming to us. She is excited to see a church meet in the school. It has been a long journey to get to this point, with a lot of bumps along the way, but the Lord has worked everything for His glory and for our good. Please be in prayer for our "Get Acquainted Meetings" taking place September 3-4 and for our grand opening on September 7. Several churches are helping us with our opening meetings and we are anticipating the Lord to do great things in our church. We are asking the Lord for 10 families from the community to attend our opening and for souls to be saved.

In preparation for our grand opening we are in the process of passing out nearly 10,000 John & Romans with inserts advertising our opening meetings. Churches throughout our region have sent groups to help us reach our goal of getting all 10,000 out before our opening. People from the community have already responded to the flyers and have said they will attend the meetings. It has been such a blessing and an encouragement to have so much help from churches and Christians who share the same vision of reaching Southern California with the gospel.

My ordination took place on July 27. The Lord really blessed the entire process. The ordination council examination went smoothly and it was a joy to present, and argue for, what I believe. Several members of my family and longtime friends were there as the men of the ordination council laid hands on me and prayed to ordain me as minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was definitely a solemn, yet joyful occasion.

Please be in prayer for a man named Andres. We met him while out canvassing some streets. It was around nine in the morning and he was drinking a beer in his car. We approached him and invited him to our opening. He said his life was a mess, especially his marriage. He said his wife has been unfaithful to him as he tries to take care of her while she is on dialysis. Tears were welling up in his eyes as he opened another beer and began to drink it. I pleaded with him that the alcohol will never be able to give him what he needs, and that only Jesus could heal the pain that he is experiencing. I have texted him several times since then and he has been very thankful for the verse I have shared with him. Please pray for his salvation and that he will attend our opening services.

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

For the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ,
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