



Church Planters to Riverside, CA

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



September and October 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I stepped into the pulpit of Revival Baptist Church for the first time on September 7 for our opening Sunday, all I could think was, "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!" We had prayed, prepared, and passed out nearly 7,500 invitations, but the results were left to the Lord. As always, the Lord does exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. We didn't know how many would attend on that opening Sunday, so we were prepared for anything, even if no one showed up. We were blessed to have 23 people in attendance, including 8 who had received invitations from our outreach. In fact, something happened that almost never happens in a church: everyone who told us they were coming was there for our opening Sunday! In addition to those from the community we had family and friends from other area churches to encourage and support us. It was a great blessing to see the Lord work in such a mighty way. **Please pray** for visitors to continue to come and especially for families with young children to visit as well. **Please pray** for souls to be saved as we continue to go out into our community almost daily with the gospel.

Since our opening Sunday we have had new visitors attend our morning services and express a desire to serve the Lord. Richard visited for the first time on our second Sunday and he wants to get back serving the Lord again after being out of church for the past year or so with health concerns. One way he serves is by bringing his leaf blower each week and clearing out all the leaves that collect at the entrance of the church. It warms my heart as I set things up in the auditorium and I hear Richard's leaf blower outside at the front entrance. That's when I know he's there for church on Sunday. **Please pray** for Richard's encouragement after the passing of his wife in early September and for his continued faithfulness in serving the Lord at our church.

Gloria attended our Thursday evening Bible study for the first time right before our opening Sunday and she has been faithful ever since. She professes to be born again, but she still struggles with some issues in the Bible. Sometimes she shows great Biblical discernment and other times she seems to lack it altogether. What is encouraging though is her clear hunger to grow, to learn the Word of God, and her obedience to the Holy Spirit. Whenever she attends the Bible study with no one else there it turns into more of a discipleship session than a Bible study, and it's a wonderful thing to see someone want to grow in the Lord! **Please pray** for her growth and discipleship and for her to continue to be receptive to the Biblical instruction we give her.

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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