

The Ward Family

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Church Planters to Riverside, CA



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we enter into this new year it seems as if the page is turning from the epilogue into chapter one in the life of our church plant. As the congregation has grown (both in numbers and in their walk with God), we have started a men's prayer breakfast and a ladies' luncheon. We meet once a month and the response has been enthusiastic from the church.

Probably the most important area of growth in our church is seeing the increased burden our people have to reach people with the gospel. One of the men in our church just celebrated his 86th birthday, and he continues to serve the Lord faithfully. He has joined us for our regular soul winning time, and has been very fervent in inviting his neighbors to church. Several of his neighbors have responded to his invitations and have come to church. One of the ladies in our church is showing a greater burden for her neighbors as well, specifically one who just recently lost his wife of about 40 years. He is unsaved and she is ministering and witnessing to him, while we as a church are praying for his salvation and for him to come to church.

We had a group of ladies visit us for the first time in January. All of them were part of a Bible church that had recently shut its doors, and they were desperately searching for a church that preaches and believes the Bible. They have been very faithful in attending and have been such a blessing in just the first few weeks they have been here. We have a family from China attending our church and the wife brewed her Chinese tea after one of our Sunday morning services. It was so good and we all enjoyed some great fellowship as a church family. It is amazing to see how people are responding to the Spirit's leading, and finding their own unique ways of serving the Lord in church.

At the end of February I had the privilege of attending the California Capitol Connection for the first time. It is a group of Independent Baptist Pastors that gather at the Capitol in Sacramento to meet with our state representatives. This was an eye-opening experience for me. It showed me that in spite of the great spiritual challenges we face, God is still working in the hearts of people in our state. I can say with absolute confidence that God is not done with California!

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

In the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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