

The Ward Family

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Church Planters to Riverside, CA



March and April 2026

Dear Friends and Supporters,

These past two months have been the busiest in our ministry here in Riverside. In March we introduced “Faith Promise” missions giving to the church, and we had two missionaries in to present their work. We are so encouraged by the enthusiastic response from the congregation to supporting missions.

One of the things our children have prayed for (and my wife and I prayed for as well) was that God would send young families with children to our church. Over the last few months God has done exactly that. We have now been able to start a children’s church program with my wife leading that ministry.

Our first Resurrection Sunday was all to the glory of God. We passed out about one thousand invitations throughout the community; and even though no one came who received a flyer, we did have a good group with us and many of our folks brought food for our “Sonrise” breakfast. Like good Baptists, we ate very well; and it was such a joy to see our people stepping up and serving one another.

The week after Easter we held our first revival meeting with Evangelist Paul Mershon. It seems that whenever a church has something special on the calendar, the Devil works overtime to get us discouraged and distracted. When we arrived at the school for the Monday night service the doors were locked and nothing was ready in the auditorium. After about four phone calls the custodians showed up and informed us that they were never told we were going to be there. They apologized, and thankfully everyone in the church stepped up and helped us get everything set up in time for the service. Our church really responded to the preaching, especially after the Tuesday night service. The movement of the Holy Spirit was evident in the congregation.

In March, a young man named Kia visited our church for the first time, and I had the privilege of sharing the gospel with him after the service. Please pray for him to return to church and for his salvation. I met Michael while out soul winning on a recent Saturday. His was the first and only door I went to that day. We talked for about half an hour, and he had a lot to share with me about his spiritual background. He was brought up in the Apostolic movement and has no assurance of his salvation. I could tell He really wanted to share with someone the things that have happened in his life; and so while I did give him gospel, I spent most of the time just listening to him. Please pray for Michael’s salvation and discipleship as I will be meeting with him again soon.

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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