



# The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying friends,

Merry Christmas! Christmas is always a wonderful season of enjoying family and celebrating Christ's birth with His people. It is also an opportune time to point conversations to Christ. May we all guard against being caught up with the potential stress and covetousness associated with the season and rather use it for the opportunity that God has prepared it to be.

On Friday, December 12 we held our very first Christmas outreach event. Our hope was to connect with some new families and so we tried to gear the advertising that way. We got around 1000 door hangers out and also distributed business card sized invitations and put up posters in area businesses. One problem we ran into was that there are several Christmas events all over town every weekend. While it is nice to have a lot of options, it made it impossible to schedule our event without conflicting with other things around town. If we do a similar event next year, we will probably choose a weeknight. Our Facebook advertising did produce a healthy number of new contacts that we will follow up with and the actual event brought six visitors under the sound of the Gospel. The Pastor A.J. Harold family came up from Bellflower and were a tremendous blessing through music. Our family also sang a few specials and I gave a brief Gospel message explaining the true significance of Jesus' birth.

Even though we have not seen anything close to freezing temperatures, flu season has affected us. Our family has had some illness and Alvaro and Jasmin's family have been out of church for several weeks. I was starting to worry about them, but Al texted me today letting me know that they plan to be in church this Sunday!

Discipleship continues to go well and I have a new man that I am working with. Before Alvaro's family had their bouts with sickness, he also had voiced a desire to go through the curriculum. LeeAnne has been working with Jasmin, but though Al loves the Word, he did not feel that his schedule would allow time to add a discipleship meeting, so when he mentioned that he would like to start, I was thrilled! Pray that we can start soon!

It has been a true joy to see Christians growing and moving forward in their walks with the Lord. We have seen one go from skipping church to watch football to learning to make the church a priority. Others who were "hit and miss" as they grow through discipleship become more and more regular in their attendance. It is fun to see our brothers and sisters discussing what they are learning and discussing how to put into practice what I've been preaching. Please pray that this growth continues. The Devil is very good at magnifying faults, creating conflicts and getting God's peoples' focus in the wrong place. Pray that God gives us grace to continue growing while also giving us specific grace to navigate conflicts and demonstrate patience with a new believer or brother who's faults happen to rub our own faults the wrong way.

For His Glory,  
Chad Delhotal

## Prayer Requests

- Zeal and wisdom in evangelism throughout the church.
- Keith (former JW) would commit to be faithful and grow - started discipleship, but struggles to be consistent.
- Sebastian would completely come out of Seventh Day Adventism - has been less willing to meet.

## Praises

- Growth in disciples
- New contacts that are families.
- Many opportunities to preach the Gospel
- Our few children are doing well with King's Kid's Scripture memory.

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