



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying Friends,

Up until now, we have really been spoiled with the weather in Santa Barbara. The last few weeks have really had us wishing for air conditioning at home. We can be thankful though that the heat does not last through the night. Evenings are more tolerable and we can get some things done in the morning before it becomes unpleasant. LeeAnne is probably feeling it the worst as the shoe store that she works in does not have air conditioning and does not get much airflow. This heat spell has it quite muggy in there!

Since our last letter, Eric has continued to go out soul-winning with me once a week. This was a big step for him and it has been exciting to see him get involved in the conversation at some doors and really contribute. Eric was steeped in leftist political thinking until God began drawing him to Himself. After his career in the Army, he earned a degree in history at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He also is very well read. This has made some very interesting conversations during discipleship, but I am beginning to see how his intellectual past can be used by the Lord. Pray for his continued growth and that he would begin to feel more comfortable witnessing to others and eventually discipling someone.

A few weeks ago, we had a church shooting activity at the local gun club. It was fun to see Anthony and Eric take teaching roles as they walked others through the careful use of their firearms. Everyone (even the young ladies) had a joyful time of fellowship and put many holes in the targets.

Robert finished his discipleship course and started the same day to teach Sam, a young man that has begun to attend faithfully about a month ago. It is fun to see Robert's excitement to have someone to teach that is eager to learn. Edgar and Sebastian have both passed the half-way point of the discipleship program and are growing.

We were finally able to establish communication with the organizers of the local **Farmers Market** and have been able to arrange to set up a booth for this Saturday. We also should be able to set up again **once per month**. Please pray for wisdom to utilize this opportunity effectively.

For the first time, a baby was born to church-members. Alvaro and Jasmin now have a beautiful little daughter to complement their three boys. We also have a wedding planned for October for David and his fiancé Jessica. Rose is back. Please continue to pray for her mother, Virginia to be saved. Our third child, Elijah has joined Nehemiah in enrolling in the local junior college. Azariah is planning on taking a year off from school before going to college.

Please pray for our **2nd Anniversary Celebration on September 13**. Last year we had a good number of visitors for this special day. Please pray for many visitors and that God's Spirit will convict and draw powerfully through the preaching of the Gospel. Many of our church folks have people that they have been witnessing to. Pray that many of them would be in attendance. We are also distributing invitations door-to-door and running online ads.

For His Glory,
Chad Delhotal

Additional Prayer Requests

- Zeal and wisdom in evangelism throughout the church.
- Please pray for a disgruntled member as we try to reach out to him.
- Guidance to and provision of a better meeting place.
- Soomin's husband Josh for salvation
- Rose's mom, Virginia for salvation

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