



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying Friends,

Psalms 75:1 "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

One of the benefits of preparing these bi-monthly updates is that it forces me to stop and reflect on both my own activities over the previous two months as well as the ways that God has been at work. Sometimes in the midst of the work, you can fail to notice the often subtle ways that God is working in lives.

We are pleased to report that, in spite of beach hazard warnings, and one surprising powerful wave that took my glasses with it, **Eric followed the Lord in baptism** without any injuries. It was a bit of an adventure for me, but we learned some lessons so that the next ocean baptism should go much more smoothly. One of the things that God used to draw Eric to faith was to awaken him to reality of the Biblical events and characters through a trip to Israel. As a memento of that trip, he secured some small rocks from the bed of the Jordan River. After we made it safely to the shore, he presented me with one that I will cherish all my days. Eric has now finished the discipleship curriculum and is nearly ready to teach it to someone else. Please pray that he will not allow his introverted nature to discourage him from moving forward. I also had the blessing of having him accompany me in **door to door soulwinning** this afternoon. This was a big step for him and I give the Lord all the credit!

Robert will finish the curriculum soon and is eager to teach others. Suffering from glaucoma and legally blind, he faces some serious challenges, so please **pray that God will open a door for him to make a disciple soon!** We had our first opportunity to set up at the Farmer's Market the last weekend of May. We did not accomplish all that we desired, but we learned a lot and we are working on strategies to engage people at this popular event. Robert and a few others are excited to get involved, so please pray for wisdom as we find ways to connect with people in this environment.

In other good news, **Sebastian** (college student) was able to move out of the Seventh Day Adventist man's house. He now lives about a 25 minute walk from church. The day Eric was baptized, he surprised us by walking to church! He has been pretty **consistent attending** on Sunday morning and doing well in discipleship. **Please pray for him** though, he still struggles with the doctrine of eternal torment. He has come a long way and we have confidence that God will continue to work in him.

In less happy news, Keith has moved away. He told me that he has connected with a church. I pray that he will find the support he needs to continue to recover from the JW cult. Also, **Rose will be leaving** us soon to go back to Alabama with her family. She will return at least briefly to retrieve her belongings, but please continue to **pray for her mother, Virginia**, here in Santa Barbara. Rose was able to witness to her before she left, but it was not very well received. Also **keep praying for Soomin's husband Josh**. We are hoping to take them both out for dinner to celebrate Soomin's recent graduation from nursing school. Pray that he is open to this and that we can build a relationship.

Additional Prayer Requests

- Zeal and wisdom in evangelism throughout the church.
- For wisdom and guidance for our sons Elijah and Azariah concerning jobs and/or school

For His Glory,
Chad Delhotal

- Guidance to and provision of a better meeting place. (We praise the Lord for additional funds raised at the Southwest Church Planting Conference in June to help when we move)

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