



# The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying friends,

God continues to work in Santa Barbara! **Attendance has continued to gradually increase.** We have had 20 in attendance a couple of times and are usually close to that, even when we have folks out of town. We continue to do some door-to-door distribution work in the few neighborhoods of Goleta that we had not touched yet. We also continue to knock doors seeking to engage people with the Gospel. The reception has been encouraging. Though we have recently had many doors where no one has been home, many of those who answer are friendly and we frequently have opportunities to witness.

In addition to these efforts, we ran a couple of **Gospel focused social media ads** for about two months. During that time, we had 36 people respond to the ad requesting a link to a video presenting the Gospel. To follow up, we try to engage each contact through text messaging, first asking if they had a chance to watch the video and offering to pray for any prayer requests they may have. Later we would send a text inviting them to church and a text sharing a link to another video presentation prepared by an evangelist. Eventually, we sent a text to see if they would be interested in a discipleship Bible study designed to first help them to have assurance of salvation and then lead them to become mature disciples that can in turn teach other disciples. Through this, we have had a few visitors, and one so far that has begun working through our discipleship materials.

I am increasingly **excited about the long-term prospects of our discipleship efforts.** David (our first member outside of our family) continues to really grow and be faithful to help with soul-winning efforts. Eric and Robert continue to make good progress as does Anthony and his daughters. I have also begun discipling Mariano (originally visited for Friend Day in June). LeeAnne is beginning to disciple Suzanna (Anthony's aunt) and we hope to have her work with Jasmine and some other ladies soon.

I feel like we are beginning to gain some momentum as we near our First Anniversary. On September 14 we will have a lunch after the morning service and folks will participate in a cake-baking contest to celebrate. We are encouraging folks to invite those that they have been witnessing to and I will preach an evangelistic message. We have also begun running some social media ads to make some additional new contacts. Please pray that we will make the most of every opportunity the Lord allows us!

Along with that, please pray for our children to be effective witnesses at their jobs. Abigail has started a new job recently where she has a lot of coworkers that she could be a witness to. Nehemiah has had some witnessing opportunities at his job; pray that God continues to work in his coworkers. Elijah has developed a good relationship with some of his coworkers as well and had the surprise of knocking on the door of a coworker while going door to door with David.

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.
- Sebastian would completely come out of Seventh Day Adventism and commit to being a faithful part of our church.
- **Pray that God would use our First Anniversary Celebration on September 14!**

## Praises

- Progress and enthusiasm for discipleship
- Recent visitors and new contacts that have been made

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