



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying friends,

When people ask how things are going, I almost invariably respond, "slowly, but God is working, so we are excited." That certainly seems to be the best way to summarize. Since our last letter, we had the privilege of traveling to Fairhaven Baptist College for Preaching Conference and Abigail's graduation. Due to some health concerns, we decided to have Abi come home and help us while she goes through various tests and doctor visits to get the right diagnosis. Already she has been a help with cooking at home and in music and children's ministry at church. Needless to say, we are very happy to have her home!

Eric and Alvaro continue to come and are learning and growing. We have been planning for several weeks to baptize Alvaro and a local Bible church was kind enough to allow us to use their facilities. As the day approached, we were praying earnestly for Alvaro's wife. She has continued to attend and seemed to enjoy the services, but was not yet saved. Sunday afternoon Alvaro texted me that she wanted to get baptized. I arranged to meet them in the afternoon and the Lord saved her. We had the joy of announcing to the church that their prayers were answered and both Alvaro and Jasmin got baptized into South Coast Baptist Church. A few weeks ago, Robert Torres began to attend. Though he is partially blind, God made sure he saw our sign. He has really enjoyed the preaching and we have begun meeting for discipleship. He seems very eager to grow and share the Gospel with others! Pray he continues!

We recently had a Friend Day and had fifteen people planned to visit. As the morning approached, I had several reach out to say that they would not be able to make it because of work and several others who had health issues that came up. The devil was certainly fighting. One visitor, Mariano, did make it and really seemed to enjoy it. The following Friday we were able to meet for breakfast where I was able to get to know him better and share the Gospel. He is of a Catholic background, but is very interested in learning the Bible and is already talking about trying to get his sister to come. Please pray that he will be saved soon. Please also pray for the other contacts as we try to follow up with them. Most have continued to be responsive and have intentions of visiting soon.

I mentioned in our previous letter that we would like to find a better meeting place. Early June I was able to attend the first Southwest Church Planting Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The preaching and fellowship were a tremendous encouragement and around \$9000 was pledged to help us with the expense of securing a meeting place. I have begun communicating with a realtor that has extensive experience with commercial leasing and has worked with several churches in the past. Please pray that God would make it very clear if, when and where we should move!

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 part of our church.
- Wisdom for online advertising
- **Pray that God would use the memorial service for Jimmy Todd - he was a faithful part of our young church. The memorial service will be July 19.**

Praises

- Financial provision for advertising and potential move.
- Fruit from recent evangelism efforts.

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