



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

October 14, 2025

Greetings Praying friends,

I am excited to report that our First Anniversary was (in my opinion) a tremendous success! We had 40 in attendance (including a few friends from our sending church)! We had 12 visitor cards turned in (and at least a couple visitors that did not turn one in). Two responded to the invitation for salvation! We continue to see fruit as we try to make connections with those that visited.

I mentioned in our last letter that I had begun discipling a man that had responded to our Gospel video ad. Edgar continues to make progress through the curriculum and visited our services for the first on the Anniversary. He has difficulty getting around because of spinal stenosis, so had his adult daughter bring him. They both enjoyed the service and a few weeks later they were back with her husband and children!

The same Sunday that Edgar's family first came, we had five of our faithful out of town. I joked with one of them that the Lord will bring some visitors in to take their spots...and He did! Besides Edgar's family, we had two other adult visitors that both seem to be really solid contacts. One is a young lady, originally from South Korea, that grew up in church, but since getting married and coming to Santa Barbara had not found a church that seriously teaches the Bible. She has already been a tremendous encouragement! The other visitor that week was a man who had drifted out of church, but was awakened to his need to get back into a church after the murder of Charlie Kirk. He was excited to find us and was already jumping in to help with setting up and welcoming others.

God continues to open doors to witness as we go house to house. It surprises me every time how long it takes to work one block, partly because there are so many houses and apartments crammed into our downtown, and partly because we actually find people willing to have a conversation! I also continue to try to find ways to use social media ads to connect with people. Currently we are running ads directed at college students, just trying to open doors to talk to them about the Gospel. This past Monday, I had the opportunity of meeting one such college student for breakfast. He was very interested in the Gospel, but just not quite ready to turn to God. Please pray for Rocco as we begin an evangelistic Bible study next week and pray that God will continue to open doors to reach this important demographic!

Please pray with us that those we are currently trying to disciple (LeeAnne currently has 3 ladies and I have 6 men) continue to make progress (some are thriving, some are dragging their feet). Please also pray that we would be able to get more people involved in discipleship as teachers and disciples. The next outreach event that we are planning for is a Friday night Christmas concert/sing-along on December 12. I hope to use this to connect with new families. Pastor A.J. Harold of Solid Rock Baptist in Bellflower has agreed to bring his talented family up to Santa Barbara to provide some assistance for this night. Please pray that God will use it!

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 started discipleship, but there is a strong draw back to the SDA because of the people he is staying with and a young lady that has returned to the area.

Praises

- Growth in some disciples
- Very encouraging new contacts and visitors
- Many opportunities to preach the Gospel
- Great turnout for Anniversary
- Wednesday service has moved out of our house into Workzones, allowing us to begin a small King's Kids program!

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