

# The Delhotals to Santa Barbara

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Greetings Praying Friends,

Well, Fall continues to be unusually warm. We have had a couple of heat spells since our last letter, but God has been at work and we continue to move forward little by little.

Early September, I had the opportunity to fill in for one of our supporting churches for a midweek service. This gave me an opportunity to challenge our core folks to study for themselves and minister to each other. We had recently gone through BIBS (Big Idea Bible Study) by Ryan Rench. For that Wednesday, we divided a New Testament book into equal parts and had everyone study a portion and prepare to share the interpretation and application that they learned. My son recorded the discussion and I was very pleased with the result. It is my hope to build on this to help the men learn how to craft a sermon. Please pray with me that God would give me **wisdom to train up leaders in our young church.**

Thank you for praying for our **2nd Anniversary** Celebration. September 13 was a blessed day at South Coast Baptist. All of our members were in attendance but one (Eric was able to finally make his trip to Israel). We also had many visitors so that we had a new r**ecord attendance of 50.** Two ladies responded to the invitation to trust Christ for salvation. One of the visitors has begun attending regularly and we had several others say that they would be back. Please continue to pray that God will draw the hearts of those who visited to Him.

Since the anniversary, we have continued to have some promising visitors. My wife has been able to establish **discipleship studies with two new ladies**. I also have a **new discipleship study with a young man** who recently moved to town for work.

The Lord has been working in the heart of **Alvaro** about **getting involved in soul-winning.** He is already a faithful witness to coworkers and family, but we were able to go out knocking doors this past week. Please pray that we will be able to continue to find time for this. After living for a few years with extended family, he was able to secure an apartment for him and his growing family (they have three boys and a baby girl). This is a wonderful blessing and an answer to prayer (they were considering moving out of town to find cheaper rent at one point), but he will need to get overtime or do odd jobs to cover all of their expenses. Alvaro and Jasmin have both been growing quickly and I believe the Lord is going to use them in a great way in the future.

University students are back. The campus is around 20 minutes from downtown, but we would like to reach some of the students. Please pray as we **distribute tracts near the University** that God will draw some young hearts to him and open doors for us to minister.

We recently had a new invitation printed that highlights what makes Christianity different from other religions and worldviews. Please join in our prayer that this flyer will open doors for some evangelistic Bible studies and conversations. I am also preparing some online ads with the same type of thrust, using apologetics, especially highlighting the reliability of Scripture. **Please pray that God uses our outreach efforts mightily!**

For His Glory,
Chad Delhotal

**Additional Prayer Requests**

- Zeal and wisdom in evangelism throughout the church.
- Wisdom scheduling some **Bible institute style classes** so that all those interested can participate.
- Rose's mom, Virginia for salvation
- Guidance to and provision of a better meeting place. **We have one that we are currently considering.**
- Soomin's husband Josh for salvation

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