



ELWART FAMILY

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16 & 18!

Where have the years gone? Audrey turned 16 on February 8th, and Charlotte turned 18 on February 23rd. It is amazing how quickly life goes by. We are so thankful for the young ladies they have become, and it has been neat to watch God work in each of their lives as He is molding them into who He wants them to be.

We were able to have our BBBC Couples' Night Out with all of the couples in our church. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship and growing together as couples in our church family. Our church ladies were also able to travel down the mountain for a Ladies' Refresher one Saturday during the month. This was the first time that more ladies came than just our family, so that was encouraging. All of them enjoyed it, and seemed to be very interested in going to another ladies conference of some kind in the future. Jackie was able to travel to Sacramento at the end of the month for the CA Capitol Connection. He was able to meet many pastors from around the state, and they were able to meet and talk with a number of CA Senators and Assembly members with the purpose of sharing the light of the gospel in a very dark place.



Jackie was also able to travel up to the San Francisco area in March for a missionary interview and fellowship with a few of the World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions (WWNTBM) Board Members & Staff. It was such a wonderful time of fellowship, but it was also wonderful to see that God is still calling people to the mission field. In late March, our church was blessed to have Evangelist Jeremiah Clark for a Revival meeting. We initially had it planned for a Sun-Wed, but the building we rent ended up not being able to be used for those days. So, we ended up changing it to Thurs-Sun. We still had good attendance and a good spirit among the people in attendance. We are thankful for these opportunities. The last Sunday of March, we were able to have another baptismal service, where Jackie baptized 2 believers (one was our oldest son, Elijah). We are praying that God will continue to work in these 2 lives as they grow closer to Him each day.

April was a whirlwind, but it was wonderful. Our sending church, New Testament Baptist Church in Kinston, NC, paid for us to fly back for almost 2 weeks. We were able to attend our mission's Family Fellowship Week in NC, which was always one of our favorite weeks of the year when on staff there in Kinston. It was so wonderful to catch up with WWNTBM Staff, Board Members, and missionary families that we haven't seen in so long. The preaching and fellowship were a tremendous encouragement to our whole family, and we are so grateful for NTBC taking care of us and our plane tickets back east for the trip. We are so grateful for God's goodness to us!

As soon as we got back from NC, Easter was upon us. We are so thankful for one of our supporting churches, Lighthouse Baptist Church in La Verne, CA. They paid for 5,000 Easter invitations to be printed and shipped into our community. From Easter to the next few weeks, we saw 4 visitors attend our church as a result of those invitations. 3 of these guests have continued to come. We are so grateful for God using these invitations to bring those who were looking for the truth to our church. Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and financial support. We are so grateful!

Praises

- 2 believers baptized!
- Hundreds more door hangers hung throughout our community.
- Attending Family Fellowship Week in NC.
- Being able to preach at NTBC Kinston, NC.