

the Doss Family



Church Planting in California

Fall 2015

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

It's still dry here in California, though our hearts go out to those who received the over-abundance of rain in the southeast from the hurricane. A monstrous El Nino has been predicted for this winter, which we are praying will help provide relief from the severe drought, which has plagued the state for the last couple of years. Farmers here simply cannot go another season without rain and will have to make some very difficult choices come next spring, if we do not get a significant amount of rain this winter. Please continue to pray for this important issue which greatly affects the area in which we live.

We also continue to covet your prayers concerning the health of both of our fathers. It is a difficult time for both them and us as, we are not able to be there to help them. Since my last letter, my dad was positively diagnosed as having esophageal cancer. A month after a small tumor was removed, he had a radiation burn to remove about a dozen spots that were of concern. He will be having another endoscopy next month and further possible radiation burns. Dawn's dad will begin radiation treatment next week for his prostate cancer. On top of his current issues he recently had trouble with a kidney stone, which was a bigger ordeal than normal because of the weakened state of his health. Please continue to pray for both our dads as they deal with their cancer.

We want to take time to thank every church that has helped us with our building. A special thanks to these three churches, True Gospel Baptist Church; Meadows Baptist Church (Sunday School class); and Cherry Grove Baptist Church have all given to help with the completion of our building. We still are needing to allow our funds to build back up before we begin phase 2 of our construction plans. Our next step will be to expand the bathroom facilities so that the building can meet the code for a higher occupancy rate. In the mean time, we have finally put the finishing touches on the area we are currently using. We installed carpet and rubber baseboard which made the space feel so much more warm and welcoming. It no longer feels like a warehouse! Please continue to pray with us about the exciting prospects of this building.

A couple of weeks ago we had a baptism service and two were baptized. This was the first time we had done a baptism service in a pool and we were so thankful that it was a hot fall day. Please continue to pray for more souls to be saved and more to be added to the church. Right now we have our first young man who is yielding to a call to ministry. Pray for Gabriel Smith as he is away at Bible college.

Sunday we celebrated our anniversary and had a good number in attendance. This special day followed our annual Fall Revival services, held the week prior. Pastor Mike Manuel from True Gospel Baptist Church was our speaker for the revival services. Each night we saw a good number in attendance with an average about 50 each night. Also, each night we saw many make decisions during the invitation time. Please pray that the spirit of revival will continue in each individual's hearts.

Lastly, Dawn and I are struggling to grasp the idea that we now have two teenage boys and one of them is a senior in high school. It seems so impossible that life has gone by this quickly. Pray for Bryson to have discernment and direction concerning his post-graduation plans. As always we thank you for your continued prayers and support. God bless you and your ministries that they will be shining lights in an increasingly dark world.

In Christ,

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