



# The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings praying friends!

Our first month of deputation is under our belts and we are exceedingly grateful for the goodness that God has shown us through His people. Every pastor and every church that we have visited has been a tremendous encouragement to us. Sometimes when you are plugging away, focused on your local ministry, it can seem a bit lonely. You can begin to feel that there are very few standing for the truth in this dark state. Bouncing around California and Arizona for a month and calling dozens of additional churches on the phone has shown us that God still has his remnant and I am overjoyed to finally make the acquaintance of many of that number.

Our deputation journey began in a young church in Avondale, AZ that brought back memories of our first church plant in Illinois. The children had quite a discussion comparing the members and facilities to that church that still has a special place in our hearts. We made the rookie mistake of determining to drive back to Oceanside after the evening service (about a 6 hour drive), arriving home early Monday morning, wishing we had been asleep for several hours. Then we spent the next several weeks bouncing around California and once again crossing the border into Arizona, making fast friends with each pastor and thoroughly enjoying the friendly people that we found in each church.

Nehemiah and Abigail have been a timely blessing, filling in for absent pianists at several churches and we are very happy that Nehemiah is planning on traveling with us through the school year. Abigail will be returning to college in a couple of weeks and so our travel itinerary will reflect our determination to escort her back to school so that she can keep our spare car with her. The two younger boys are beginning to get an early start on school work, so that we can hopefully accommodate the occasional day off as we adjust to the irregular schedule of being on the road.

August 2 marked the last day that we would have a home to go home to. I did not expect that it would be so difficult to make this transition. You really don't realize how much you have until you try to cram it all into a 20ft container! We were nearly at our wits end trying to get rid of most of our furniture to make it work!

We are happy to report that besides our sending church, we now have two supporting churches: First Baptist of Mariposa, CA and Berean Bible Baptist of Chula Vista, CA. We certainly have a long way to go, but we are very thankful for those who have already taken an interest in the work that God has laid on our hearts.

For His Glory,  
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