

The Delhotals to Santa Barbara

November 24, 2022

Greetings praying friends!

During our last letter, I recounted the first couple of weeks of our trip to the West Coast without the children. Before flying back to Chicago, we had a tremendous time with the gracious and generous people of Mountain View Baptist Church of Hesperia, CA at their annual missions conference. At the conclusion of the conference, Pastor Stonestreet lead the church to take on both missionary families for support! Praise the Lord! That Monday, October 17, we flew back to Chicago, enjoyed a nice dinner at Giordano's Pizza with my brother's family and hurried to my mom's house to meet up with the kids. The next morning, we hit the road for a church-planting conference at Wilson Creek Baptist Church in Battlefield, MO, before spending Sunday morning at Bible Baptist Church in Kahoka, MO, Pastor Glen Yoder. Sunday night we were allowed to present our ministry at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Quincy, IL where our long-time friends Gary and Lisa Zdziarski will soon transition the leadership of the church to their son Daniel as the elder Zdziarskis begin deputation to go to Poland.

The following week was much less hectic. We were able to enjoy some rest at Mom's for a couple of days before running over to Fairhaven Baptist Church in Chesterton, IN. It was a joy to present the need of Santa Barbara in the church where I was trained for the ministry and Abigail was able to take some time off from work to spend with the family while we were in town. On Sunday, it was fun to present to two young churches in Illinois. We had a great time getting to know Pastor Jeremy Huston better at Foundations Baptist Church in Carey, IL before running in to Chicago to spend the evening with our dear friends Courtney and Portia Lewis at Cornerstone Baptist.

I have tried hard to not say "no" to a church that invites us for their missions conference. Consequently, the first week of November saw us in Michigan! We feared we would be hit with cold weather, but God was very merciful and it was around 70 all week and we had a great time with this church that obviously loves missionaries. From there it was a mad dash to California that included the opportunity to present our field to Arden Road Baptist Church in Amarillo, TX (Pastor Aaron Denson) and filling the pulpit at Ft. Mohave Baptist in Arizona after a 12 hour drive! We arrived in Southern California in time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the great West Coast Baptist Church.

Besides the church mentioned above taking us on for support, Lighthouse Baptist in LaVerne also officially voted to partner with us. Please pray with us that God would provide the remainder of support quickly! We would love to get to work in Santa Barbara within a year!

For His Glory, Chad Delhotal and family

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