



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings praying friends!

Our last letter left off with our brief trip to Minnesota. On the way back towards our midwestern base (my Mom's house), we had the pleasure of stopping in at Southside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, SD for their annual church-planting conference. There we enjoyed good preaching and fellowship and received a very generous offering to help with our expenses. Wednesday, we enjoyed being at Gateway Baptist in Clinton, IA and their gracious pastor, Bro. Sandy Little. We were overwhelmed with their kind treatment, even giving a special love gift to the boys! From there we returned to Amboy and had the privilege of being a part of the missions conference at First Baptist and fellowshiping with missionaries Nathan and Tina Fritz who were both in the youth group when I was youth pastor.

LeeAnne and I left the missions conference a day early to fly back to California for a series of meetings and a little anniversary time away from the kids. The the day we arrived, we had the joy of presenting Santa Barbara to the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Long Beach. Thursday through Sunday, we had a great time getting to know Pastor Dunlop at the missions conference at Lighthouse Baptist Church in La Verne. After the afternoon service, we drove to Castaic to meet Pastor Cook and Freedom's Way Baptist Church who had already begun supporting us. While there, I had the opportunity of introducing myself on Monday night at their annual pastors' fellowship and enjoying some incredible food!

We had a few days before our next meeting, so LeeAnne and I took the opportunity of being near by to visit Santa Barbara. We enjoyed exploring the various neighborhoods, scouting out some possible meeting places and dreaming about our future. On Thursday, we enjoyed presenting to Pacific Baptist in Long Beach and thoroughly enjoyed seeing what God is doing in a church that I thrilled to read about years ago in James Beller's Multipling Model. Sunday, we were able to minister to a church started by a man sent out by our sending church many years ago. Barstow Baptist Temple has been under their second pastor for several years now and are still pressing forward to reach that needy city. From there, we took a long drive up to Yakima, WA for their 50th annual church-planting conference. God richly blessed in the preaching and we received another good offering to help with some of our needs on deputation. From there, we had the great joy of staying with the David Sutton family, who is laboring to establish a church in Medford, OR. We enjoyed rich fellowship with the Suttons and had the joy of presenting our ministry to their young congregation on Sunday night.

Sunday morning, we drove down to Yreka (I had to Google the pronunciation) and had the joy of meeting Pastor Brown and presenting to this church that is pressing forward in a small town.

We are happy to report that two additional churches have voted to take us on for support: Ridgewood Heights Baptist in Eureka, CA and Gethsemane Baptist in Long Beach. We also had a few others indicate that they intend to take us on soon. Praise the Lord!

For His Glory,
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