

The Delhotals to Santa Barbara

December 16, 2022

Greetings praying friends!

After enjoying the 50th Anniversary festivities at our sending church, I was allowed to preach the midweek service there before spending Thursday night with Pastor A. J. Harold and Solid Rock Baptist Tabernacle in Bellflower. I attended Bible college with Bro. Harold for a while years ago and it was a real blessing to get reacquainted with this faithful man and his family. Next, we had the privilege of presenting in two churches with pastors that have been at their post for a year or less. We spent the weekend with Calvary Baptist in Simi Valley and their new pastor, Adam Batterson. Bro. Batterson comes from a strong church in Iowa that we are well acquainted with and it was a blessing to get to know him and his family better. The Wednesday of Thanksgiving we had the joy of presenting to First Baptist of Commerce, CA. Not long ago, this church was down to just a handful of people and no pastor, but God brought Bro. Geronimo Sigala and has been richly blessing his ministry.

We enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with our sending church on Thursday before heading north to Wheatland for Sunday morning with Pastor Brandon Campbell and Faith Baptist Church. For the evening service, we dropped in at Calvary Baptist in American Canyon in anticipation of their Home Missions Conference on Monday and Tuesday. What a great few days! Pastor Marshall Stevens and crew have developed a tremendous conference to help and encourage church-planters. This year's conference raised over \$100,000 to assist the church-planters in attendance! On Wednesday, we had the joy of being at Bible Baptist in Ukiah, pastored by Jim Bailey.

The first Sunday of December, we had encouraging meetings with Pastor Scudder and Bible Baptist Church, Vallejo in the morning and Pastor James Cook and Lighthouse Baptist in Concord in the afternoon. Bro. Cook encouraged me to reach out to Pastor Walter Santos at Victory Baptist in Brentwood and God opened a door for us to present our ministry there Wednesday night. Sunday, December 11, we had the thrill of being in a three-year-old church and getting to know Pastor Clarence Saulog and his dear family. God has been very faithful, filling our schedule and providing generous love offerings all along the way!

Over these last several weeks, we have picked up **five new supporters!** They are as follows: Solid Rock Baptist Tabernacle in Bellflower, CA; Bro. Daniel Ward, who is starting Revival Baptist Church in Riverside, CA; Iglesia Bautista Hockley in Katy, TX (Pastor Yefri Maradiaga); Faith Baptist Church in Wheatland, CA; and Bible Baptist Church in Vallejo, CA. Praise the Lord for His continued care of us! **Please continue to pray for a full schedule and new supporting churches!**

For His Glory, Chad Delhotal and family

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