



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings praying friends!

Our second month of deputation is now in the books and we are already feeling a little bit older and wiser...well at least older. After our first missions conference, the first week of August, we journeyed north, visiting three churches in northern California before heading East to make the long journey to caravan Abigail and our extra car to college. Besides enjoying the beautiful scenery along the way, we had the privilege of presenting our burden to churches in Challis, ID; Salt Lake City, UT; and Pleasantville, IA. We were able to spend a few days resting at my Mom's house in Amboy, IL, before delivering Abigail safely at Fairhaven Baptist College. Sunday morning, we were blessed to enjoy the services at First Baptist of Amboy. Being the church that both LeeAnne and I were saved in and our sending church when we went to Princeton, FBC is still a real home away from home and we always enjoy going back and spending time with Pastor Fritz and the rest of the church family. Sunday night, we were able to present our new field to Heritage Baptist in Princeton. It was a joy to see folks that we pastored still being faithful and to hear of a new couple joining the church. On Thursday, we enjoyed rich fellowship with Pastor Baier at Pillar and Ground Baptist in Gibson City, IL before making the journey to Minnesota for a little over a week of meetings "up north."

In Minnesota, we had the joy of staying in the prophet's chamber at Walworth Baptist Church in rural Ulen, MN. I had met Pastor Caleb Mitchell years ago, but enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him and his family better and greatly appreciated their hospitality while we were in the area. Besides Walworth, we were able to present the need of Santa Barbara to four other churches in the area. Of course this meant a four hour drive on Sunday afternoon, but we were richly blessed to meet each pastor and church family and look forward to coming back to the area in May to visit a few churches that we could not fit into the schedule this time around.

We are happy to report that two additional churches have voted to take us on for support. Bible Baptist Church in Atwater, CA, pastored by Jim McClellan voted on the Sunday morning that we were there to take us on. Later that afternoon I received a call from Pastor Jerry Cook from Freedom's Way Baptist Church in Santa Clarita, notifying me that they had also voted to take us on though we have yet to visit this generous church. Praise the Lord for His care of us through you!

For His Glory,
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