



The Delhotals to Santa Barbara

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Greetings praying friends!

God continues to richly bless our deputation efforts, for which we are truly thankful! Besides keeping our schedule full and continuing to put on the hearts of pastors and churches to support us, God has blessed us in other exciting ways as well! First, the pledged funds from the Home Missions Conference at American Canyon, CA (back in November) have all been received and between those funds and another gift received, we have **\$8000 set aside to cover first month's rent and deposit** on a place to live in Santa Barbara that we will hopefully make use of in December. Second, as you may recall, we had some expensive maintenance to do on our vehicle not long ago. The total ended up being \$1590.80. **Special thanks to Pastor Clark and our sending church for raising \$1953 to more than cover this expense!** The additional funds cover the tire that we had to replace back in December with money left over for the next car related expense. In a third exciting development, when we were at Bible Baptist Church in Victorville, CA, Pastor Counts committed to supply us with our first tracts. We were recently able to pick up half of the **10,000 tracts** that they had printed and have already passed a few out in Santa Barbara and other places along our way!

Finishing out our trip to Texas, February 17-19, we had the joy of being a part of First Baptist Church of Haltom City's annual missions conference. We have a number of connections to this great church and had a fun time touring the area with Pastor Mosely. Sunday night we made our way over to Gospel Light Baptist in Forney. On Wednesday, we had a great meeting with Pastor Grimes and Bible Baptist in Waxahachie. From there, we took a couple of days to make the long drive to Catheys Valley Baptist near Yosemite Park in California. We arrived just in time to get a serious snow. We were not prepared for snow to say the least, but it ended up being a fun adventure and God blessed our time there. Sunday afternoon found us at Mountain View Baptist in Modesto celebrating 20 years under founding Pastor Simmons. From there we caught a couple of days of the missions conference at Merced Baptist before making the trip down to Lighthouse Baptist in Santa Maria. Before leaving California for Arizona, we would also present at Faith Baptist in Canoga Park and participate in the missions conference at Bible Fellowship Baptist in Sacramento.

Praise the Lord for **three new supporters!** We are honored to have the following churches now partnering with us: Pastor Stager and Bethel Baptist Church, El Sobrante, CA; Pastor Rasmussen and Faith Baptist Church, Canoga Park, CA; and the church that I was saved in, First Baptist Church, Amboy, IL, led by Pastor Rocky Fritz. This brings our support to about 32% and we have a few more churches that have indicated that they will likely begin supporting soon as well. **Please continue to pray for new supporting churches.** Our planned trip out East is really filling in as Spring approaches, but **please pray that God will get us to the right churches** that will help us get to Santa Barbara before the end of the year!

For His Glory,
Chad Delhotal and family

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