



# The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

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Greetings praying friends!

I must confess that when we first began to prepare for deputation, I found the thought of lining up meetings and traveling the country to raise support for our church-planting endeavor daunting, but God has shown His goodness in so many wonderful ways. Truly, "God is able to make all grace abound" that we "may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

The ides of March found us in Dewey, AZ, with Pastor Lain and Gateway Baptist Church for a tremendous missions conference that was blessed in every way. The following Wednesday, we had the privilege of presenting to Pastor Naill and First Baptist Bible Church of Glendale. From there we headed north to Utah where we found that winter was still not over. We had a great meeting with Pastor Mullineaux and Harvest Valley Baptist of Riverton on Sunday before proceeding further north to meet Pastor Kirkman and Mt Logan Baptist in North Logan for Wednesday. Thursday, we were with our friends the Whitecars and Mountain Valley Baptist in Pocatello, ID. What a joy it was to see first hand a ministry that we had invested in through our missions giving over the last few years. In April we began working east into Colorado, spending the morning of the second with Pastor Withrow and Wetmore Baptist and the evening service with Pastor McKenzie and Ellicott Baptist. Wednesday we traveled to Smoky Valley Baptist in Lindsborg, KS, pastored by Jeff Quigley and also presented on Thursday at an exciting new church-plant, Capitol City Baptist in Topeka, led by Pastor Mark Oprzedek. On Easter morning we had the joy of being with Pastor Niedfeldt who has faithfully labored in the very small town of Allen, KS to establish i Baptist Church. What a joy to see what God is doing in this rural area! The evening found us at a young but very hospitable church in Leawood, KS. Pastor Keith Drinkard started this work right before Covid-19 hit, but has continued faithful through the trials and was a great encouragement to us in many ways. Wednesday and Thursday we were privileged to be a part of the missions conference of the exciting Faith Baptist Church in Olathe, KS led by Pastor Wes Stewart.

We are thrilled to report that, from March 16 to April 15, we have heard from **nine new supporting churches!** We are honored to have the following churches now partnering with us: Lighthouse Baptist, Santa Maria, CA, Pastor Jerry Scheidbach; First Baptist Bible, Glendale, AZ, Pastor Scott Naill; Merced Baptist, Merced, CA, Pastor Anthony Doss; Freedom Baptist, Copperas Cove, TX Pastor Joseph Grab; Mt Logan Baptist, North Logan, UT, Pastor Nathan Kirkman; Mountain View Baptist, Pocatello, ID, Pastor Don Whitecar; Bible Baptist, Waxahachie, TX, Pastor Todd Grimes; Faith Baptist, Olathe, KS, Pastor Wes Stewart; and Vandament Avenue Baptist, Yukon, OK, Pastor John Nelson. This brings our support to about 40% after about 9 1/2 months on the road. **Please continue to pray for new supporting churches.** We still have a few open dates for summer and fall. **Please pray that God will get us to the right churches** that will help us get to Santa Barbara!

For His Glory,  
Chad Delhotal and family

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