



The Delhotal's to Santa Barbara

April 4, 2024

Greetings Praying friends,

For us February began in Florida as we had opportunity to enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of long-time friend Archie Parrish and his family. Pastor Parrish pastors LaBelle Baptist Temple, where we were able to present our field on Sunday. Wednesday the 7th, we were able to present at Big Cypress New Testament Baptist on the Big Cypress reservation. We even got to try our hand at congregational singing in the Creek language. Sunday the 11th, we had the privilege of participating in the first missions conference to be held by Bay View Baptist Church in Homestead, FL and enjoying fellowship with more dear friends, Pastor Ted and Jodi Alexander and fellow WCBC sent missionaries Mike and Penny Smith, to Estonia. Our time in Homestead's sunshine was limited though, and Monday found us making the trip up to Calvary Baptist Church, Hinesville, GA for another missions conference. By Sunday we were back in Florida, where we visited Victory Springs Baptist Church in High Springs, FL before presenting at Johnstown Baptist Church, near Lake Butler.

On the 19th, we drove to Atlanta to catch a flight to Austin, TX for LeeAnne to have the next phase of her dental work done. This allowed us to stop in and surprise Pastor Evans and Open Door Baptist in San Marcos for the midweek service. After flying back to Atlanta, we made our way over to Calvary Baptist in Lawrenceburg, TN. Next, we set forth for the North East, where an unexpected cancellation allowed us to introduce ourselves to one of our supporting churches, Calvary Baptist in Dundalk, MD, before heading to Pennsylvania. There we were able to catch a couple of days of the missions conference at Lehigh Valley Baptist. On Sunday we presented at both Calvary Independent Baptist in Quarryville and Great Hope Baptist in Carlisle.

March 4 found us on another airplane, flying from Baltimore to Denver for the Home Missions Conference hosted by First Baptist in Englewood where we were blessed to hear some great preaching and receive an offering to help with travel to finish LeeAnne's dental work and other needs. After flying back to Baltimore, we spent Sunday morning meeting another supporting church, Susquehanna Valley Baptist in Harrisburg, PA and the evening presenting at Living Word Baptist in Sweet Valley. On Wednesday, we had the joy of presenting to a church that was a great help to us in our church-plant in Illinois, Mt Zion Baptist in Brogue, PA.

Heading South again, we were able to visit Hico Baptist in Graham, NC before presenting at Kimesville Road Baptist in Burlington. Wednesday we had the joy of reconnecting with one of my former college professors, Dr John Rhinehart, and presented in Lester Baptist Church where he now pastors. On Sunday the 24th we were able to present at Chapel Street Baptist in Landis before heading toward Illinois, where we spent much of the week resting at my Mom's before preaching again at Heritage Baptist in Princeton and First Baptist in Amboy on Resurrection Sunday.

Since our last report, we praise the Lord that the following **five churches have committed to partner with us**: Desert Gateway Baptist in Gilbert, AZ, Pastor Ron Leverage; Bayview Baptist in Homestead, FL, Pastor Ted Alexander; Great Hope Baptist in Carlisle, PA, Pastor Joel Barrick; Grace Baptist Church in Hinesville, GA, Pastor Carey Hendricks; and Kimesville Road Baptist Church in Burlington, NC, Pastor Jay O'Dell. This brings us to around **78% of our support goal coming from churches**. With the two older boys working, their contributions should put us **around 90%**. We eagerly look forward to being back in California by the end of this month and can't wait to get down to the business of souls in Santa Barbara! Please pray that additional churches will be enabled to partner with us. We are preparing to do some online outreach in the coming months as well. **Please pray for some additional funds to spend on advertising leading up to our September launch!**

For His Glory,
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