

THE BATE FAMILY

planting Faith Baptist Church
of Roseville, CA

under GFA Missions



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GOD IS UNSTOPPABLE

In Isaiah 43, God is proclaiming to his children that he will take care of them and that nobody can stop him from doing so. Sometimes God's children begin to feel overwhelmed with their circumstances, and they feel like God is uninterested and unable to provide real help. Consider the words of Isaiah 43:13:

I will work, and who shall [overturn] it?

What encouraging thought for anybody seeking to serve God with their life! When God works, nobody can mess it up. Let's press on in our service to God with this thought in mind.

Do we have to start the church later?

We have been planning for the fall of 2012 or early in the year of 2013. As normal, we are all chomping at the bit to get going, but also as normal, we are trying to keep our hearts ready to follow God's timing no matter what it is. We recently lost an individual supporter that had been supporting us for a substantial amount. The loss of that support along with the fact we were already behind schedule to meet our fall of 2012 goal, I was beginning to think that we were going to delay the start of the church to spring or summer of 2013.

I was planning on sharing this news with you in this newsletter; however, in the last couple weeks, several financial blessings have been sent our way. We are now right on time for the fall of 2012 (60%)! Pray that other churches would vote to take us on for support – especially as many churches have their meetings in January to make these types of decisions. To see a list of financial blessings we have received over the last month, check out our website (www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com).

Athey Family Update

The Athey family recently had a blessing. They have been living in a cramped two bedroom duplex for the last year. They weren't complaining, but they are now rejoicing that God has provided them with a much larger house to live in for the same price as they were renting the duplex. In addition, this house is in a much better neighborhood. Praise the Lord! Also, Matt's transferred within the company he works for, and he now has work hours that are much more convenient for him and his family! Praise the Lord! Amy is staying very busy working for our sister church and helping us out with administrative details. We are so thankful for their friendship and partnership.



Deputation Update / The End of Deputation

Everywhere we went this fall, people were very generous! Our December bills are paid even though we are not travelling during the month of December. We are now on a four week break from traveling, and we are very thankful! After this fall circuit (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/itinerary), we are very tired. So far, we have done three circuits that we were away from home for two months. I am trying to avoid doing another one of these circuits.

At the beginning of January, we start our winter circuit that goes nonstop until March (but we are mostly home during the week). Please pray for us as we travel through the winter weather. We drove through several nasty weather situations last winter. Lord willing, I will schedule some more meetings for the spring sometime soon.

Depending on God's timing, we could move to California as early as July and as late as December. We need to be moved at least three months before our first service. Two of those months are for doing the Phone's 4 You! Program (www.ipresson.com/phonesforyou.php), and one month for moving and getting settled. During that time before we start the church, we will also be spending time with our sister church (www.fbcfolsom.org) and preparing our launch team.

Praying for Laborers

One of the things our team prays for is that God would send laborers to help us start our church. We need faithful people who want to help in any way they can. Last month, I had the opportunity to spend two days recruiting students at Bob Jones University. I did whatever I could to get students to think about the need in California. I passed out a lot of prayer cards, was introduced in a couple classes, and talked with several students. Pray that God would use my time there to burden students to consider the need of California and even send some young people to help start Faith Baptist Church of Roseville.

Getting Acquainted

If you are still getting acquainted with our ministry (new people are always being added to our newsletter list), then you might be interested in reading our information packet. It tells you about us, and it tells how you can get involved. (See www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/info-packet)

Our Team

We have been talking with Dave and Claudia Barba for over a year now about coming to help us start our church (ipresson.com). They have teamed up with several other church planters for the last 12 years, and they bring experience, talent, godliness, and a lot of manpower to a church planting launch team. Please add them to your prayer list as you pray for our church plant. In fact, I would recommend you add them to your church's prayer list as well. They are a vital aspect to U.S. church planting! Lord willing, they will be driving their travel trailer to northern California later on this year to help us. I have added some more information about them to our team page (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/team).

Last month, we were able to spend some extra time with Dave and Claudia because we were in two missions conferences with them. It was a real blessing to see them again!

Our Startup Fund is Increasing!

Last month, a lady from Northern California decided to take advantage of the tax-free IRA charitable rollover to a charity. This window of opportunity is only open for 2010 and 2011. This person generously gave us \$2,000! Praise the Lord!



If you know someone who would be interested in supporting church planting who would like to give some money tax-free from their IRA, tell them about our ministry and point them to our website (www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com). Maybe God would burden others to give in the same way before this window of opportunity closes.

These funds will go towards our startup fund. We need close to \$20,000 in order to cover the expenses involved with starting a church. I remember when we first started deputation; I thought we would never be able to save up that much money! God has been providing amazingly!

A Treasured Opportunity

In the last month, I have had two opportunities to preach the gospel at special events. Each event had several people who did not claim to know Jesus Christ as their savior. I am so thankful that God used me to give them the good news of Jesus Christ!

Pictures!

Enjoy this month's pictures! (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/newsletters)

I trust that you will have a blessed Christmas time. It is so hard to reflect on the selflessness of Jesus Christ as he left heaven to come to earth as a baby when we are surrounded by such a self-centered American holiday.

May your Christmas be Merry as you meditate on the manger!

Nathan

On behalf of the team (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/team)

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60%



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January 8, 2012

Calvary Bible Church
Westport, MA

January 15, 2012

Grace Bible Church
Dracut, MA

January 22, 2012

The Bible Church
Port Washington, NY

January 29, 2012

Calvary Baptist Church
Lima, OH

February 5, 2012

Southwest Community Bible Church
Parma, OH

February 12, 2012

Hope Baptist Church
Hope, MI

February 19, 2012

Bethany Baptist Church
Grand Rapids, OH

February 26, 2012

Community Bible Church
Norfolk, NE

March 4-7, 2012

Bible Baptist Church
Kingsport, TN

March 18, 2012

Faith Baptist Church
Reidville, SC

May 20, 2012

Bible Community Church
Mentor, OH

