

THE BATE FAMILY

planting Faith Baptist Church
of Roseville, CA

under GFA Missions



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THE BIBLE STANDS

I recently talked with somebody who grew up in a church that I would have thought to have taught the Bible. I was very surprised to find out that their view of the Scriptures was very weak. I challenge us today to appreciate the Word of God and the amazing miracle that it is. As the hymn says,

*The Bible stands like a rock undaunted
'Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,
And they glow with a light sublime.*

DEPUTATION UPDATE

We have now been on deputation for 16 months, and God has taught us a lot. We have been to over 50 churches, and we have travelled over 70,000 miles. We have met faithful Christian people from coast-to-coast. It is a privilege for us to challenge people to consider the need for US Church Planting. We are learning how to walk with God in all kinds of schedules and sleeping patterns, and we are also learning how to love others even when we don't feel like it. We thank God for this opportunity.

As we look ahead, we have a regular schedule of meetings until March. After that, we only have a couple more. When we get home from New England next week, I will be focusing on scheduling meetings through the end of the summer. We would like to move to Roseville this fall - Lord willing.

See our itinerary at www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/itinerary

BRAKE PROBLEMS

We had our first car trouble (or I should say truck trouble) of deputation. We recently bought a SUV for winter traveling and for traveling back and forth from California. While we were on our way to our New England circuit a couple of weeks ago, we lost our brakes on the interstate!

It brings me great joy to share with you how God took care of this problem. I looked up the closest car repair shop on the GPS and drove straight there (about 20 miles). I dropped Katrina and the kids off at a Burger King and then went to the repair shop. There were no other cars in the shop, so we were able to get right in. I learned that the man working on our SUV was a Christian and he understood what we were doing. In addition, the shop hourly rate was unusually cheap (\$65 an hour). To top it off, we were back on the road in a little more than an hour later. Praise the Lord!



God doesn't always choose to work in this way. We had some missionary friends who recently were stuck in a hotel for a week while their van was fixed. They maintained a sweet spirit and sought to glorify God during those circumstances no matter what. May we all prepare our hearts to follow God and serve him no matter what the circumstances.

ATHEY UPDATE

As you pray for our ministry, pray for the Athey family. They are critical to our ministry. Recently Matt has had some health problems that have required some changes in life style. Please pray for Matt and Amy as they make some adjustments.

A FINANCIAL BLESSING

God is continuing to bless us, and it is humbling to see this. Recently I received word that we have been given \$1500 from some folks that we have never met and we are not familiar with. Praise the Lord! This will go towards our start-up fund.

START-UP FUND

I have mentioned our start-up fund several times now, but I haven't really explained it. Some of you may be wondering, what is a "start-up" fund? A start-up fund simply allows us to cover the expenses that go along with starting a church. Often there are around \$15,000 to \$20,000 that goes along with starting a church.

Over the next several months, we are going to ask for specific help with items on our start-up list. For example, we need help with purchasing a portable piano, hymnals, church signs, and several other things.

If you are interested in helping us purchase something off of our list, please correspond with us. We have particular things we are looking for with each item (i.e. certain features on a portable piano, a certain hymnal, etc.) I know there are several churches and individuals that don't have the funds to be a regular supporter over several years, but they do have the funds for a one-time gift.

If you want to see some of the other things on our start-up list, go to:
www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/startup

PLEASE PRAY

We are looking forward to watching God provide all that is needed to start the church. One of the truths about prayer in the Scriptures is that we are to ask God because he desires to give good gifts to his children. In light of that, please pray that several churches would choose to send financial support over the next couple months. The beginning of the year is the time when many churches make the decision for which missionaries that they will financially support.

PICTURES

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With a thankful heart,

Nathan

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

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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

April 16-17, 2012

Church Planting Ministry Summit
Camp Ironwood
Newberry Springs, CA

May 6, 2012

Calvary Baptist Church
Sheldon, IA

May 20, 2012

Bible Community Church
Mentor, OH

May 28 - June 2, 2012

GFA Family Conference
Brevard, NC

June 3, 2012

Westside Baptist Church
Martinez, GA

June 20-22, 2012

ARCH Church Planting Conference
Mentor, OH

