



The Ward

Family

Church Planters to Riverside, CA

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May and June 2024 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Life in the ministry, and life in general, is filled with setbacks, trials, and disappointments. Unfortunately, that is what we have experienced with our vehicle situation. The minivan we have used for the last three years had too many mechanicals issues, at too great a cost for us to continue using it. The registration expired in April, and the repairs necessary for it to pass inspection were more than we could justify continuing to spend, especially since it had passed the milestone of 200,000 miles! For the same price as the repairs would have been, we could just replace it with something in better condition and with much fewer miles on it. So far we have raised \$2,670 towards the cost of another van. PLEASE PRAY for us to raise the rest of the money we need to purchase a replacement van. We will need around \$7,000 in total to purchase a van that will meet our needs.



Even in the midst of struggles there are always things to rejoice about. As many of you know, we have been praying and working hard to start a Bible study here in Riverside. For a long time, it seemed as if we might never get it started. After passing out one thousand flyers not one person responded. But God was working, and we now have our first Bible study scheduled for Thursday, July 11. Praise the Lord! We have four people (two couples) confirmed to join us. Both couples are very excited and enthusiastic about what God has called us to do here in Riverside. There are others we have invited who may attend as well. PLEASE PRAY for a good turnout at our first Bible study, that God will work in all our hearts through the fellowship and study of His Word, and that this would be the beginning of some great and mighty things done through our ministry.



I am continuing to meet with our neighbor Alfonso one on one over coffee and we have had some amazing conversations. I have gone through several different portions of Scripture with him, all dealing with his desperate need of salvation. He has had some very thoughtful questions, and has made some very thought-provoking statements. Sometimes, though, it seemed as if I wasn't getting through to him, but God found a way of encouraging me to keep at him. I was out at the park with the kids and one of our neighbors who is a Christian approached me and asked if I had been meeting with Alfonso, I said I had been and she told me how thankful she was for that, and as tears began to well up in her eyes, she said that she has been burdened for him for some time now, and she encouraged me not to give up on him. I told her I would not give up and I thanked her for the encouragement. It was just the reminder I needed at that moment. As the Bible says in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."



Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry. In the service of the Lord Jesus Christ,

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