

# THE Doss Family

## Church planting in California



September/October Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

God is still on the throne and working here in California! There is much encouraging news that I want to share with you in this brief letter. First of all let me thank you for supporting our work here and allowing God to use you to reach the people here in California. In these tough economic times, I am so thankful we serve a God whose ability is not diminished by a lack of funds. It is only a lack of faith on the part of God's people that can prevent God's working. Thank you for having the faith in this ministry and in the Lord to continue to give in such difficult times.

Our church has experienced a great deal of blessings over the last several months. Our bus route is up and going and we consistently are bringing 10-20 adults, teens, and children to church each Sunday morning. The young Christians at our church are so excited to see God working in the lives of our bus riders. It is always such a joy to serve others and impact their lives for Christ!

In July, a youth group from North Carolina came to help us conduct Vacation Bible School. We averaged over 95 each night of our Bible school. Some of the people God brought to the Bible school have started attending our church. Recently, one of the adult men who started coming during VBS rededicated his life to Christ. Please pray for God to continue to work in the life of Dan.

The attendance in our church services over the last six months has really grown. We have not had but one Sunday morning since April that we did not have at least 50 or more in attendance. Many Sunday mornings our attendance is up in the sixties. About a half a dozen Sunday's we have had around 80 in attendance.

This increase in visitors and attenders to our Sunday morning services is very encouraging, but what is even more encouraging to me is the number of people that come back on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. Our Sunday evening services averages between 40 and 50 people and our Wednesday evening service has been averaging around 50 to 60 people. In fact, in the last couple of weeks, we have had as many on Wednesday evening as we did on Sunday morning. It is so encouraging to see people hungering after the Word of God in this way.

My family and I are doing very well. Our home church is flying us home at the end of October for a their missions conference. It will be the first time my wife and children have been back to North Carolina in five plus years. It will be a brief but encouraging trip. Please continue to pray for us and for the work here in Merced. Thank you again for your love, prayers, and financial support.

In Christ,

Andy Doss

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