



The
Ward

Family

Church Planters to

Riverside, CA

Daniel, Holly, Hannah, Charity, Gloria, and Jonathan



January and February 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I am sure you all know, in early January Southern California experienced some of the most destructive wildfires in our region's history. Many homes and businesses were destroyed, and many lives were left in shambles in the aftermath of these devastating fires. When the fires began, we had not had rain in our region for about eight months. That is a long time to go without rain! Here in Riverside we had several fires break out on the outskirts of the city, but we praise the Lord that crews were able to put these fires out quickly. In the last week of January we had our first rain storm in about eight months and it was a blessing from the Lord! **Please pray** for all the people affected by the wildfires. Pray for churches who are ministering to these people, and most importantly, pray that people will be saved.

We were hoping to have our opening Sunday at the end of February, but the hotel we were scheduled to meet at is undergoing renovations, and their meeting room is unavailable for the foreseeable future. We are looking into other potential meeting places while we wait to hear from the hotel. **Please pray** for us to find the right meeting place, one that will meet all our needs and help us grow as a church plant. Pray for wisdom in this search, as there are always pros and cons to every potential meeting place, and we need the Lord's guidance in this area.

Our home Bible study continues to go well. The three people that attended our first study back in July continue to faithfully attend. Another couple has shown interest in attending, but the wife fell and had to recover at home. While recovering, she fell at home and reagravated her injuries. **Please pray** for her recovery and that she and her husband would be able to attend the Bible study.

We are excited to announce the Lord is growing our family! We are expecting our fifth child and the baby is due in late May/early June. So far things are going very smoothly. **Please pray** for Holly and the baby to remain healthy and strong. Needless to say, the kids are really excited and they can't wait to meet their new brother or sister. Since we have enough baby things for either a boy or girl, we are waiting to find out the gender until the baby is born.

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.

For the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ,
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