

# the BRUBAKER family

## CHURCH PLANTERS IN ENUMCLAW, WA

Dear Praying Friends,

January - March 2023



We are so thankful for our sending church, Grace Baptist Church in Hinesville, GA. I was ordained and our family sent out on February 26th, 2023.

It is a joy to report to you what God has been doing for the last several months. Since our last letter we have seen God continue to increase our support level and our move to the Enumclaw, WA area.

January started in Alabama with Faith Baptist Church in Roanoke, AL. We had the privilege to be part of their Missions Conference and share our burden for the people of the Washington. They took such good care of us while we were with them, and the church chose to partner with us financially!

We continued January with several meetings in our local area of South Georgia and then traveled to Crooked Creek Baptist in Athens, GA. It was encouraging to get reacquainted with our friends from Bible college, Pastor Benson Jennings and his wife.

The end of January found us in South Carolina sharing our burden with several churches in the Taylors area.

**Housing:** I mentioned in our last letter that we were in Washington in October partially to begin looking for housing. After meeting with a Realtor, a loan officer, and evaluating our income, it became clear that we could not afford to buy or rent a home at this time. God then opened the door for us to purchase a travel trailer with some of the proceeds from the sale of our house in Georgia. We are currently living in the travel trailer until God provides other accommodations. It is much less expensive to go this route in Washington at this time.

**Ordination and Send Out Service:** February 26th, 2023 was a special day for me, my family and our sending church, Grace Baptist Church. Sunday afternoon the church took time to question me on my beliefs, and in the evening service I had the privilege of being ordained into the ministry. It was a joy to have one of my former Pastors there as well as several friends and family! Along with my ordination the church also sent out our family (officially) to be their missionaries to Washington State. Many fond memories were made that will not soon be forgotten!

**Moving:** Though God sold our home in Georgia the first day it was on the market back in December, the new owners did not close on it until the end of February. My wife and I had originally planned on taking the moving truck across the country in mid-February and then coming back for the kids, but God had other plans. This required for our belonging to go in storage for about a month while we were waited for the send out service.

Support Level:  
**65%**

We left Georgia on March 6th with an amazing entourage. I was driving the moving truck with our minivan in tow. My wife, driving our Suburban, was towing our new home. We were quite the spectacle. We had planned on about a week to cross the country.

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Leaving Georgia on March 6th.

We did well until we made it to Lubbock, TX. We stopped at Sam's Club to grab a quick meal and that is when I noticed the oil leak on the rear wheels of the Suburban. Long story short, the rear axle seal was leaking, causing some major issues. I began to contact several repair shops in the area and was getting the same answer everywhere. They were all booked out a week, at least. I'm not sure how it all happened but Bethany Baptist Church in Lubbock, TX reached out to me. They invited us to come and park our trailer and told me that one of their church members, Karl, would look at our Suburban. Karl, and several other church members looked at the Suburban and the decision was made that the entire rear axle assembly needed to be replaced. (I did a good job of destroying it!) It took several days to get the assembly, but Karl and I were able to get it installed on the vehicle. What an encouragement this church was to our family. The church took such great care of

us, and insisted on taking care of the vehicle repair cost too! We also met a family who pastored in Washington for a number of years. They spent much time with my family and were definitely a help and encouragement. God knew we need to spend this time during our move with this church family. I could look at this as a delay and get frustrated at God or trust him that his timing is truly perfect.

After our "delay" we wasted no time crossing the rest of the country. We arrived at Valley Baptist Church in Pacific, WA on March 20th. A week later than we had planned, but just when God wanted us to arrive. Pastor Wilder and the people of Valley Baptist graciously allowed us to park our trailer while we were getting settled in Washington. God gave us some perfect sunny and warm weather to unload our moving truck and then it has been rainy and cold almost every day since. Spring is coming, however, and then it will just be rainy. :)

Some churches in the greater Seattle area had wanted us to come and present our ministry, but due to our delay in arrival, some inclement weather and sickness in my family those had to be rescheduled to April.

**A New Reality:** We were quickly reminded of the spiritual hardness that is so prevalent here in the Pacific Northwest. Those that are seeking "god" find a feeling in one of the many Pentecostal or non-Denominational churches in the area. There is definitely a negative attitude in the community toward any new "church" starting in the area. God has allowed us to meet some new people here. Please pray as we seek to daily cultivate these relationships and share the Gospel with those we meet.

In His Service,

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Missionaries to Washington State

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