

July - Sept.  
2021

# The Elwart Family

Planting **Big Bear Baptist Church** in Big Bear, CA

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Current Support Level:

**75%**



**Praise the Lord for 4 new supporters!!!**

Praising the Lord for getting us to 75% of our needed support!!!

God has continued to bless as so much has taken place these last 3 months.

Brittany and I celebrated our anniversary in July, and we are so thankful for all that God has done in our lives. We are praying that God will use our life testimonies to help the people of Big Bear, and that He would get all of the glory for what He has done.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August, I was able to take a survey trip with my Pastor, Bro. Rowland, and Bro. Fry to Big Bear. We were able to make some great contacts up on the mountain with different people as we looked for meeting places for the church.

Nathan and I were also able to get a video recorded of me giving the gospel. We will use this video as one means to saturate the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will send out Direct Door Mailers to every home in the Big Bear Valley.

Those mailers will direct them to a website where they can watch that gospel video, and then they can contact me for follow-up and discipleship. All of this will point toward our Getting Acquainted Meetings on March 27-31, 2022. Then, Lord willing, we will launch the church on April 3 for our very first services.

When we came back from our trip, 3 of the 4 of us ended up with COVID...of which, I was one. Thankfully, we all recovered well. We are praising the Lord for this as many have had much tougher times. We are also thanking the Lord that none of our families got it.

Brittany's due date was Sept. 12, but 8 days later after many hours of labor, she had to have a c-section. We are praising the Lord for a healthy delivery, mom, and baby. Our son was born on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> as is mentioned below. We named him Dalton after one of our favorite missionary family

friends, Dalton Heath.

We are planning to head out West right after Thanksgiving to finish up deputation out there. This will also allow us to get settled up in Big Bear in between meetings. Please pray that God would lead us to the right house, at the right price, and in the right location. Please pray that God will fill our calendar with meetings until the beginning of the church plant. Please pray that God would give wisdom as we work through all of the details ahead of the start date.

Please consider taking a missions trip out to Big Bear in March to hand out invitations to church and John/Romans to every door in the community. If you are not able to come, would you consider giving a special love offering to help with many of the start-up costs? We are so grateful for your continued prayers and support!

*"And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." - Luke 5:11*

**Dalton  
Ray  
Elwart**  
**Sept. 20**  
**9lbs. 8oz.**  
**21.5 in.**



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