



# ELWART FAMILY

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## Snow, snow, and more snow!!!

January kicked off with our first yearly theme and theme verse: **Growing Together - II Peter 3:18**. Other than that, January seemed to keep things all quiet out here on the Western Front.

In February, we were able to have a Couple's Night Out for Valentine's Day. All of the couples in our church met at a local restaurant and enjoyed some food and fellowship together. It was a great opportunity to get to know everyone a little better. Towards the end of the month, we received over 40" of snow within 72 hours during blizzard conditions. Our mountain was shut down for over 2 weeks to any visitors. Only residents and essential needs were allowed up and down the mountain during that time. Needless to say, we shoveled a LOT of snow. This storm along with others turned "normal" ministry into helping shovel driveways and sidewalks. We received over 130" of snow this season!

April was a big month as we celebrated the First Anniversary of our church!!! Jeremy and Esther Lockhart, Director of WWNTBM, came out at the end of March. He preached for our Anniversary Sunday on April 2. It was such a blessing to have them here, and they were such an encouragement. The next Sunday was Easter, and one of our supporting churches in SoCal paid for Easter invitations to be designed, printed, and mailed to 10,000 homes up here. As a result, we had **5 first time visiting families!** Praise the Lord! We're so thankful for this faithful church who's been a friend, help, and encouragement to us and our church on multiple occasions.

Our family was also able to make a trip to our capitol, Sacramento. We attended the California Capitol Connection, where Jackie was able to meet with other CA pastors along with our Representatives to pray with them, and encourage them to make right choices. We're excited to see how God uses these relationship beginnings for His glory. There is hope in CA with Christ!

### Praises

- Great start to the New Year.
- 3 people joined the church in January.
- Safety and provision during this winter.
- Great Anniversary Sunday with the Lockhart's and our church family.
- Great Easter Sunday with 5 visiting families.
- Wonderful meetings with our Senator and Assemblyman in Sacramento.
- Our church seeing fruit from door hangers.



The last weekend of April, the Barnabas Team from WCBC come to help us hand out door hangers. We were able to get out about **600-800 door hangers** on that Saturday. We even had visitors the next day because of those door hangers. Jackie gave the 3 guys opportunities to preach and teach on Sunday, and they did a wonderful job. Our friends, Pastor Jay & Sharon O'Dell from NC were here as well, and he preached one of the services that day. It was a big day of preaching and encouragement for our church and family. We are so thankful for all the Lord has done. Thank you for your continued prayers!!!