

Stephen & Charity Jenney



Dear Praying Friends,

For nearly three years, we have pursued church planting in San Clemente. It is amazing to reflect even further back and see God's hand. I think how He led me to salvation when no preacher gave me the Gospel, how He woke me up one morning to go to a Baptist church for the first time, how he took away peace in what I was doing to call me into the ministry, how He led me to Bible college when I did not know what Bible college was and how he amazingly provided for me to graduate. I recall how He provided a job but then took it away to send me to New York where I married my wife and how He directed both of us to pursue California. I remember well the struggle of different crossroads trying see what God was doing so I could have all the answers mapped out before taking the first step. The more I learn, the more I realize life is much easier if I just let God order my way as I follow step by step.

Shortly after moving to Phelan and our last letter, we were once again faced with a crossroad. We did not realize until after we moved here the dearth of good churches in the area. There are five good churches all around 30 minutes from our house. There is not a church closer to which we would feel comfortable going or sending our neighbors. Also, there is nothing we could go to west of Phelan all the way to Lancaster (about an hour drive). We have met some great pastors in the High Desert area and all of them expressed the need for a church plant in Phelan when they found out we were living there. After spending time in prayer and being convinced that we are here "for such a time as this", Charity and I believe that God would have us begin a church plant right where He has placed us around Phelan. I have a vision for our tri-community (made up of Phelan, Pinon Hills and Wrightwood) and beyond. We still have a great desire for San Clemente and want to continue to pray for it as well as help a pastor nearby reach into San Clemente. However, our primary focus is Phelan and we are so excited about God's sovereign and incredible leading and timing.

The new change makes a huge difference in the amount of support we think we need putting us closer to 90-95%. Lord willing, we plan to begin services in April at the Pinon Hills Community Center. We are not planning a "big opening day" at that time as it is so close to the baby's due date on May 6th; however, we do want to begin holding services and inviting people. We are already meeting people and making contacts. Please pray specifically for our landlord John and his wife. We have developed a good relationship with them and want to have them over for dinner to further witness. **Just as a reminder, our new address is 8843 Yuba Rd, Phelan, CA 92371.** Thank you for all your prayers, support and love. Please continue in much needed prayer for us to be good servants of Jesus and especially Christ-like parents to our children in the hectic days ahead! We love you all and are so thankful for you!

Yours for the Sake of the Gospel,

Stephen, Charity, Judson(4), Samuel(3), Noah(2 on MAY 1st) and Baby Jenney (31 weeks)