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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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We are excited about what God is doing here in the High Desert! We have seen lows and highs in attendance at Shepherd's call. Our lowest attendance, if I remember correctly, was around 12 and our highest just recently was 26. We have seen three salvations from the influence of our church. Two were baptized and we are praying that the other will decide to be baptized soon. Our presence is picking up in the community and I pray that our testimony shines forth the light of Jesus Christ.

It has been a blessing to have Pastor John Hamilton from South Carolina join us for fellowship and soul winning. The last time he came he shared a message at our prayer breakfast which was such an encouragement. He was just here this past week as well and his joy for Christ is simply contagious.

Many have expressed an interest in coming to the church; please pray that God would burden their hearts to come hear His Word. God has been doing great things and we also see Satan working to pull people away and cause discouragement and doubt. We have had at least five people decide not to join or not come back due to doctrinal differences. It is easy to see how much more quickly a church can grow when doctrine is ignored. Our desire is to stand for truth no matter the cost and to have a core group of people who feel the same. We try to do this as patiently and lovingly as possible but when they do not agree and have no interest in discussing it there is not much you can do.

We have been excited about the opportunity we have had with new believers and those who are new to our type of church. So far, they seem very excited about the church and about growing in the Lord and we have seen a great response to God's Word. We have four who are active in discipleship and we are looking forward to adding to that number. Charity has been doing a ladies Bible Study almost every Tuesday but we are cutting that back to maybe once a month so that we can focus on discipleship.

We have a family that has joined the church who comes all the way from Apple Valley (about 40 minutes). It is their desire to help with the new church. They have truly been a blessing in many ways. Through this family, we are having some influence on veterans in the area like Gaspar. Gaspar was a Roman Catholic who was not happy with his life. While meeting with Gaspar, he readily accepted Christ as his savior. We were delighted to see him at church two Sundays ago but missed him this week. Pray for Gaspar as we reach out to him that he would be faithful.

The kids are well and full of energy. Judson just started K5, Sammy and Noah are continuing in their efforts to play all day and Valiana is already rolling and scooting around! They love the kitty and are finally not deathly afraid of their puppy. It is great to see the kids eager to help when we get to church.

I was privileged to preach at Mountain View Baptist Church in Hesperia, CA during their "Awesome August" program as they focused on soul winning. It has been a blessing to be part of the ministries of other churches in the High Desert since we currently only have one service. They have supported and loved us like family. We are thankful for their partnership in the ministry as well as all of yours. We are indebted to the many people who shower us with love and lift us up in prayer. Thank you!

Yours for the Sake of the Gospel,

Stephen, Charity, Judson(5 on Sept 24th), Samuel(3), Noah(2) and Valiana (4 months the 1st)