

The Jenney Family

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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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I apologize for the long delay in getting our update out! There is a lot to say, including a big change in our ministry which is the primary reason for our update delay as we wanted to give final details!

We have been praying for a young lady that was in a motorcycle accident. Miraculously, she is still alive, but it has been a very long, slow recovery. In January, we met her at a vow renewal I officiated for a couple in our church; she is a neighbor of theirs. God has allowed her to heal little by little. I went to her house to pray with her before she had an operation done. She was barely able to move her arms and would repeat herself a lot. A few weeks ago, she came to Bible study with her mother and two brothers. There was a big change in the movement of her arms and her mental clarity. It was a blessing to have them join us for Sunday church recently.

Through the Cub Scouts which are run by a family in our church, we met a girl who is in a difficult relationship situation. We believe she trusted Christ as Savior and was planning to begin attending church when her boyfriend forced her to cut off all contact with us. Please pray for that she would be free to follow Christ.

Last Monday, a dear friend and former church member of Shepherd's Call was hit by a car while riding his bike. I was able to visit him while he was unconscious in very critical condition. I spent some time with his wife and kids that evening. After a couple days, he went home to be with the Lord. We are so very heartbroken and will miss our precious brother deeply. Please pray for his family as they transition to life without him.

Now we come to our big ministry change. As early as last November, my friend, who was the Pastor of Desert Streams Baptist Church in Adelanto, CA, told me he would possibly be leaving to pastor a church in Arizona. At that time, he asked me if I would have any interest in stepping in to pastor his current church. The day he told me, I did not really want to think about my friend moving away and had no interest in being drawn away from our church plant. As he mentioned the possibility to other pastors, we knew they immediately brought me up as a suggestion. My friend Pastor John in San Bernardino asked me if I would consider it and I immediately said no because I was content and believed I was where God wanted me. At first, I did not really believe Pastor Thomas would be leaving, but as it became a reality, I started to more seriously consider it. Around the time of the Super Bowl, Pastor John brought it up again and shared how he believed it would really be a good thing for us and both churches. We began to talk through how pastoring both churches could work on a practical level. Long story short, after much counsel and prayer, we began to seriously consider the position and grew excited over what God might be doing. When Pastor Thomas started announcing the move, some church members asked about me coming. I really started to believe the Lord was putting this into our hands. I told Pastor Thomas that I was willing to be interim and at least help them transition and consider long term. By the time I began to be the interim, I had already decided I would be willing to be the next pastor. In short, I was voted in as pastor unanimously except for one vote. My first full day as officially the pastor of Desert Streams BC, was May 5th.

I am now pastoring both Shepherd's Call BC in Pinon Hills and Desert Streams BC in Adelanto (separated by 30 minutes). DSBC meets at 9:30 (Spanish), 10:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm on Sunday and Thursday evening

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for our midweek Bible study. SCBC meets at 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Sunday and Wednesday evening for midweek Bible study. For the past month and a half, we have been making the transition and moving from our rental in Phelan to the house that Desert Streams owns in Adelanto. This change and having a parsonage frees us from doing Airbnb cleaning and yard work in Wrightwood. Desert Streams is able to provide more than we were earning cleaning; this puts us in a position where we will not need as much outside support. We want to be transparent and answer any questions that you may have so please call and let me know if you have any questions regarding our current financial situation or support needs. (704)466-4084

Please also note our new address is as follows:

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We are so very grateful for you all and believe without a doubt that your love and prayers have always been an extremely essential part of our ministry. Our ministry is yours as well as you partner with us for the sake of the Gospel. God bless you, dear friends! Thank you!

In His Service,
Stephen, Charity, Judson (9), Samuel (8), Noah (7) and Valiana (5) Jenney