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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

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It has been longer than usual since our last update, and I apologize for the unintended silence. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we have seen the Lord work in many ways leading up to this summer.

One of the greatest blessings we have seen this year has been the Lord's work in the lives of people who first came to us through simple invitations. Last year, during our Super Saturday kids' event, we met a couple named Lorenzo and Lezlie. That was their first visit to our church, and Leslie told us it was her first time ever being in church. I was able to speak with them about the Gospel, but after that we only saw them very sporadically.

Earlier this year, a new bargain bin store opened in a neighboring town; a gentleman in our church happened to see Lorenzo there while he was working and was able to encourage him and Lezlie to come back to church. Because of his work schedule, we have still not been able to see Lorenzo regularly, but during our Christmas party, Lezlie attended again. It was Easter Sunday that seemed to become a turning point. After Easter, Lezlie told my wife that she had read through Matthew and Mark four times, taking notes as she read. After church, she sat down with Charity, received answers to her questions, and trusted Christ as her Savior. Since then, she has been baptized, has attended faithfully and recently joined us for our Thursday evening service for the first time. What a blessing to see how the Lord used a simple invitation, months of contact, and His Word working in her heart to bring her to Himself.

The Lord also brought another unique opportunity our way. Earlier this year, I received a phone call from a man named Anthony who needed to complete a few hours of community service after receiving a citation for running a stop sign. Apparently, we were the only organization that returned his call. Anthony began attending church while completing those hours and continued coming after they were finished. Before long, he began bringing his wife and daughter with him.

The first evening I met Anthony, I asked him about his salvation. Though he was not new to church, he told me that no one had ever asked him that question before. Sometime later, he came back with more questions concerning salvation. After searching the Scriptures and settling the matter in his own heart, he trusted Christ and expressed a desire to be baptized and join the church.

The Lord gave us the joy of seeing both Anthony and Leslie baptized. Leslie shared one of the most heartfelt testimonies I have ever heard during a baptismal service. Moments like these remind us why we continue faithfully sowing the seed of God's Word.

We were also blessed earlier this year by a visit from evangelist Paul Crow, who preached for us on a Sunday. On Easter, my college friend Will Geisman preached for us; we saw a significant increase in attendance as many invitations were distributed throughout the community. We enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, food and fun following the service.

Financially, the beginning of the year presented some challenges. When we first came to Desert Streams Baptist Church, we were encouraged by the possibility that the church might eventually be able to assume more of our support. However, after losing several families, primarily due to moves out of state and the pastoral

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transition, that goal became less attainable for the time being. As we entered our annual business meeting, our finances were stretched very thinly.

The Lord has graciously provided during this season. I have been able to take on some flexible part-time yard work in Wrightwood, allowing me to help meet our family's needs without taking compensation from the church while it rebuilds financially. In many ways, this season has been beneficial, helping us focus on what is most essential.

At the same time, we have witnessed something very encouraging within our congregation. Though many of our people are facing financial difficulties of their own, several have made deliberate decisions to remain faithful in giving. This was not the result of any particular emphasis in my preaching, but rather evidence of the Lord working in hearts. We have begun to see our church account stabilize and slowly grow, and we are hopeful that some long-needed maintenance and building projects may soon become possible.

I recently finished preaching through the book of Nehemiah and have now begun a series through the book of Acts. The theme of "Rise and Build" has been especially fitting for where our church finds itself today. Whether rebuilding walls in Nehemiah or establishing churches in Acts, we are reminded that God's work moves forward through faithful obedience to Him.

At Shepherd's Call Baptist Church, we continue laboring faithfully, though we have not yet seen significant changes in attendance. The opportunities to reach people in the community remain plentiful, and we ask that you continue praying that God would give wisdom and build His church according to His will and timing. We have also continued our monthly airsoft outreach events. Many new people have attended as participants invite family members, friends, and coworkers. Each gathering includes a short devotional challenge and Gospel presentation. Recently we were encouraged to see one of those attendees visit our church. On a lighter note, I finally had the tooth repaired that I broke during one of our earlier airsoft games!

Please continue praying:

- For Anthony and Lezlie as they grow in their walk with Christ.
- For Lorenzo and Jasmine and a speedy court closure in their favor.
- For continued wisdom and growth at Shepherd's Call Baptist Church.
- For our financial needs and upcoming maintenance projects.
- For open doors through our outreach ministries and faithful fruit from the seeds being sown.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. We are grateful for each of you and pray that the Lord blesses your summer with fruitful ministry opportunities.

In Christ,

Stephen, Charity, Judson (11), Samuel (10), Noah (9), and Valiana (7) Jenney