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Dear Pastor's and praying friends,

July - In the month of July we did not have meetings to keep us busy, but the Lord opened several opportunities for us to minister at our sending church. I had the opportunity to teach the Cornerstone Couples Class. I taught a series of lessons on stress in your marriage, and how to handle it Biblically. It was a great series; the Lord taught me a lot about how I was handling stress in the wrong way. Often we try to blame our stress on others when in reality it is our reactions to the stress that make our current situation worse. This class was a blessing to many of our young couples as well as my wife and I. We also had the opportunity to help lead our Vacation Bible School at the end of July. We had the privilege of teaching missions to the children who attended as well as present the Gospel to them. On the final evening we were able to have 6 children come forward to be saved. One of them was our daughter Lydia. She had raised her hand in church several times, but she would always say she wasn't ready. On that night she bowed her head and accepted Christ as her Savior. When we arrived home, we began talking about it with her, and Ruth began to ask about it. After sharing the Gospel with her she also accepted Christ. Then our oldest daughter Hannah began asking about baptism, as we began to talk with her, she realized her need for Salvation as well, and accepted Christ as her Savior as well. What a blessing it was to see God work in the hearts of all the children.

August - We had a few meetings in the month of August, and what great meetings they were. We enjoyed each and every church, and being able to meet a lot of new people.

Victory Baptist Church, Burbank, CA - We enjoyed visiting with Pastor Badger and his family again, and also getting to know his church family. They were a blessing to us and our family. What an exciting young church to be in. I really enjoyed talking to Pastor Badger about church planting, and getting some good resources for planting churches on the Mission field.

Berean Bible Baptist Church, Chula Vista, CA - We attended the 13th annual Missions Conference of Berean Bible Baptist church. We really enjoyed going out soul winning in Imperial Beach. They are getting ready to start a new church there in the next couple months. It was really exciting to find people who are excited about a good church being planted in their area. We are looking forward to what the Lord will do their over the next several years.

Sun and Shield Baptist Church, Marana, AZ - We really enjoyed presenting our ministry with Pastor Morris. Caleb also had the opportunity to preach in chapel, and work on the new church building. It has been wonderful to see the progress made over the last several months on the building.

Open Door Baptist Church, Catalina, AZ - We enjoyed sharing our ministry with this young church. Pastor Kramer and his wife are doing a great job of making missions a priority in this new church. Pastor was also able to give us some helpful advice for deputation. What a blessing it was for our family to spend time with them and also visit this new church.

All of these churches were a tremendous blessing to our family as we traveled. We will be very busy over the next few months. Please pray for us to stay healthy and safe as we travel, and that we will have no mechanical trouble with our van.

Thank you all for your prayer, and support.

The Benson Family