




Church Planting | San Francisco 

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## Ups, Downs, & In-between

We closed out 2021 on a high note. We had our first Missions Month three months into our launch! We had some missionaries to the Philippines present, as well as a church planter and our missionary to Spain send in videos. Our church, even in its infant stage has started to support missions. That is something we wanted to build into the foundation of our church. I also had the privilege of baptizing A.J., one of our middle school boys, in the Pacific Ocean.

As 2022 came, Omicron and other sicknesses really put us in a rough spot for a time. On top of that, we also had some people move away and team members leave. So, it's been a rough go this past month especially.

However, God is so good at shining light even during the darkest times. I am bi-vocational because San Francisco is EXPENSIVE. So I work 20-30 hours a week at my job at a Christian school and another job I have. This makes life busy, and tough. And to be perfectly honest..I wish I did not have to do it many times. And yet, every year I have worked at the school I have at least one student come to know Christ. And this year, God sent Amelie.

Amelie is an international exchange student from Germany. She came into my class a couple weeks after school started last semester. After sitting through a few chapel services she met with me. She told me that this is the first time in her life that she had heard that Jesus came to save us from our sins. After many many tearful conversations, Amelie accepted Christ as her Savior.

But that is not where her story ends. For Amelie to accept Christ meant that she would experience some persecution from her family. This became a very difficult thing for her as you can imagine. One of those situations was with her Aunt she was living with in SF that was VERY opposed to this new found faith. After getting permission from her parents Amelie came to live with us for the last few months. This allowed for some deep discipleship and growth in her life. She was also a huge help with the church and with our boys and became part of our family. And on top of that, she started witnessing and ministering to her fellow classmates! A few days ago she recently moved on to Canada to continue her studies. Please be in prayer for this baby Christian and pray that she can remain faithful.

Please pray for us that we might remain faithful. Pray for us as we continue to reach out to our community with the gospel. Also, please pray that God would send laborers.

Love you all and thank you for your prayers and support.



Our Family with Amelie



AJ being Baptized in the cold Pacific



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