

When God Builds His Team

Have you ever prayed for something you never thought would happen? I know that we have to have faith when we pray but often we pray almost in wishful thinking instead of in faith. I have done this a lot during different times in my life. Since we knew that God had called us to San Francisco, we have been praying for God to send people to come along side us as team members to help us start churches. This is not a new concept, it is an example that we see many times throughout the New Testament. For example: Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs, and Paul always had other people with him when he went to start churches in various cities. So this is what we have prayed for, and to be honest, often I wasn't praying in faith.

Recently we took a trip to San Francisco to show a couple around the city. The husband, Sam, is a guy that I met while working in Ohio. I got to disciple him and he grew so much over that year and eventually, he felt the call to ministry. Toward the end of last year he reached out to me saying that he was really feeling called to come with us to San Francisco so, we took this trip to help them to make their final decision. The city overwhelmed them at first with the big buildings, different culture, and hoards of people. Actually, when they stepped off the train from the airport into downtown SF there was a St. Patrick's Day parade going on with all sorts of craziness happening...not the best first impression. However, after being able to walk the neighborhoods, meet the locals, visit a church, and even spend time doing an outreach event with a local church, their hearts started to be connected to the city. They saw the need to bring the gospel to the least church area of our nation.

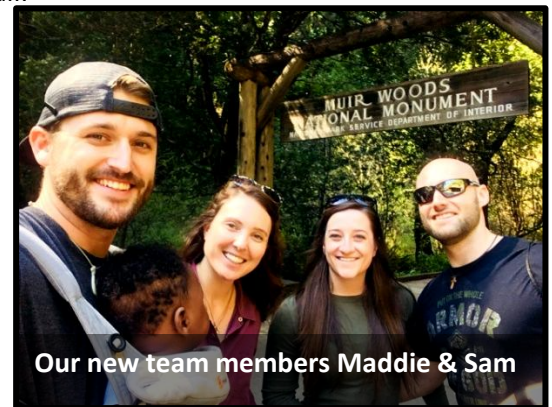
About a week ago they texted and said..."We are diving in for Jesus." Just like that God has given us our first team members. But get this, in that same week I had another couple that we had been talking to text and say, "See you there in August. We are excited man. Its going to be crazy and a little scary, but we just can't ignore God's calling on us right now." Now, the team is up to six!

Why do we doubt God's ability to pull of the miraculous?! Is He not the Creator that formed the mountains and seas? Is He not the Gracious God that made a way for us to escape sin through His Son Jesus? Is He not the God that has taken care of us each day of our lives?

....."With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible." May we learn to pray in faith because He is able! Please pray for these couples as they try to raise some personal support and as we all go through the transition of moving into San Francisco this fall. "Its scary...but we just can't ignore God's call."

We would love to hear from you!

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Our new team members Maddie & Sam

