

-Gabby-

She begged her mom for months and months to take her to church. Their family had been out of church for so long, but Gabby desperately wanted to return. She even talked to her mom about baptism. Finally, her mom gave in. On Easter Sunday they were invited by a friend to attend Branches Baptist Church and soon, they integrated into the church and didn't miss a Sunday. They had found their home. Gabby and her brother Matthew soon made friends with the other kids at church, and they were learning in their kids' class as their mom sat in the room nearby soaking in the Word of God as it was preached. On a sunny Sunday in San Francisco, several of Gabby's family members who didn't know the Lord, showed up at church and walked down to the beach to watch Gabby and her brother Matthew get baptized. That day Gabby became a witness.



Gabby's Baptism

God has been so good to our church and family this Spring and Summer. So much has happened. We had our attendance high of 66 for Easter Sunday. One family that had recently moved from Hong Kong, received our door hanger and attended their very first church service ever. We had several more people join in with our church and even start to serve and one man accepted Christ as his savior!

We had an awesome summer. We were blessed by Somerville Baptist Church with a love offering that allowed us to take a trip back home to Hawaii to see family. Then, we started doing "Dinners For Six." The mid-week Bible study in our home had grown to around 20 people and had outgrown our living room. So we split up into several smaller groups and it turned out that our small groups grew in this new format and now we have had 41 people show up to these various groups. That's about 90% of our congregation now involved in mid-week groups!

And, at the end of July, San Bernardino Baptist came up from SoCal to help us with a couple outreaches. We did an Art Club for kids with over 20 people in attendance, we distributed 5000 door hangers and had a "Who is Jesus" seminar to explain Jesus to those who were curious. And all of this happened in a BRAND NEW neighborhood for us called the Richmond district. This neighborhood has about 20,000 people and is in desperate need of more churches. It is our hope to start another church here in the coming years.

All of this is humbling to watch. God continues to bless numerically and spiritually as we are reaching people and seeing them grow in their faith. Pray that God continues to build his church. Pray for more laborers to come to San Francisco. Pray that we can remain faithful.

OH! And I almost forgot...**Hali is pregnant**...so I guess pray for that too. Haha.

—Love you all, and thank you for supporting the Lord's work here in SF.

CONTACT US:

Mail: 2122 43rd Ave. San Francisco, CA 94116
Email: jakewoodfinsf@gmail.com
Phone: 415-410-4889



Easter 2022
66 in attendance with 1
Salvation.