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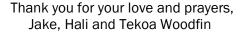
## **All Things New**

You know that feeling when you were a young child and your parents made you get rid of one of you favorite old toys? Immediately all the good memories you had with that toy flood your mind and even though you have moved on to other toys since then, your heart is still attached to this toy with which you had so many good times.

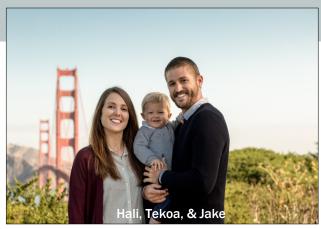
Well, that feeling has overcome us once again at this stage in our lives. I imagine most church planters get that same feeling of sentimental loss when God moves them from a church they started. Leaving Lake Point Baptist Church (a church in Ohio we helped start, and now our sending church) was very difficult. We poured ourselves into the people of the community and saw God do amazing things to build a new church. Although God works in your heart and helps you to see the need in another area, leaving that church you helped start still hurts.

However, to do something new you must leave the old behind. This is what God does in us through His salvation and sanctification. He makes us new and the old man is left behind. We have officially left our home church behind to embark on starting new churches in San Francisco, California. We were extremely blessed in November and December to have gracious pastors give us a few meetings during these months. Most of the time, however, was spent on making phone calls and setting up appointments for this year. God has blessed us with a fairly full schedule through April, and now we just have to fill in the blank spots and work on the rest of the year. We appreciate your prayers as God guides us to the churches He wants to partner with us in this new journey.

We were in Hawaii (my home state) visiting family in January so my parents could have some good, quality time with their grandson that they have desperately been lacking. During that time we were able to visit several churches for support raising and we also spoke at a College and Career Conference. These meetings went wonderfully well and it was an honor to share our burden for San Francisco with so many of our friends in the



Islands.



#### **San Francisco Stats:**

Population – 870,887
305,681 were born in another country
7,500 are homeless
452,861 make over \$100,000 a year and
ALL OF THEM NEED THE GOSPEL!



Tekoa with his grandparents Skip and Dana Woodfin

# **Get to Know Us**

My name is Jake Woodfin and my family and I plan to start churches in SAN FRANCISCO, California. San Francisco is known for many things but the gospel of Jesus Christ is not one of them. Actually, recent research reveals that San Francisco is the least churched area in our entire country.

The cost of living in SF is one of the highest in the country, with a two bedroom apartment costing around \$3500.00 a month. Because of this, we are looking for churches to partner with us so that together, we can see multiple churches started in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Church planting is our God-given passion and has played a large role in our lives. I (Jake) grew up in a church planting family, and for the past 5 years my wife (Hali) and I were a part of a church planting team in Port Clinton, Ohio. This church that we helped plant has now sent us out and we are currently on full-time deputation.



The truth is that **Christianity is fading in America**.

If we do not become very concerned and active in starting more churches in our nation, especially in the neediest areas, then in a couple of generations our country could suffer the same plight as England. This was a nation that during the 1800s was a powerhouse for Christianity and world evangelism. The tragedy is that now, we are sending missionaries into England because these once flourishing churches have and are fading away.

Let's not be the generation responsible for the decline and fall of Christianity here in the

United States. Prayerfully consider partnering with your finances and prayers as we see souls saved, lives changed, and gospel preaching churches started all over the San Francisco Bay Area. We cannot do this without help. For more information on us and to watch our Vision Video, please visit <a href="mailto:branchessf.com">branchessf.com</a>. If you have any more questions or if there is anything else we can do for you, please contact us. We would love to be your friends.

With Love and Prayers,
Jake, Hali, & Tekoa Woodfin



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