



# BRANCHES

CHURCH PLANTING IN **SAN FRANCISCO**

## WE ARE OFF TO SAN FRANCISCO!

We are starting our drive out to San Francisco on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We committed to going on full time deputation for a year and a half and that time has expired. So, we are off to the City! **Please pray for us in these ways: -Safe move -Find housing -Meet people -Start having home Bible studies –and that we would be able to raise some additional support.**

This last year and a half has truly been amazing. Before we left Ohio, Hali and I heard a song that has become the mantra for our lives these last 18 months. The song is called Make A Way. The lyrics say,

***“Wherever you lead me, I know you won’t leave me. Wherever you call me, You will make a way. Wherever we’re going, I will be holding to the promise you have made. You will make a way.”***

Things have been absolutely crazy for us this past year and a lot of things have happened that we did not plan on when we started this journey (namely, gaining two more children haha). But Judah, our first surprise, is a precious gift from God who has brought so much joy to our lives. We recently found out through some extra blood work that he has the most severe form of Sickle Cell Anemia, known as (SS). However, we know that **God will make a way**; just as he has with the adoption (our final court date is August 19<sup>th</sup> to finalize the adoption).

Then our car blew up, but God worked everything out and gave us another car with extra space just in time for another surprise to come along, our new baby Zion who melts our hearts with his sweet smiles. God made a way. Through every mile traveled and every church visited God has blessed. Recently, we were trying to figure out all of our moving costs. Then, in one of the churches we visited recently, we received the biggest love offering we have ever received which will cover all the moving expenses. **God will make a way.**

In a recent conversation with my brother, I shared with him two major things I learned from my travels. 1. God still has his servants all over this country! We have been drop jaw amazed at all the amazing, Godly people we have been able to meet in these past 18 months. From Pastors to church members, God still has a lot of people who are dedicated to Him and to reaching this world for His glory. The kindness we have received has been nothing short of phenomenal. We thank you all! You have had such a deep impact on our lives.

2. If you are willing to step out in faith to do something for God, HE WILL PROVIDE! This sheet of paper would fail me if I were to write every instance of God’s provision over this past year and a half. Everything from individuals and churches supporting our ministry, to a random stranger anonymously buying our meal at a restaurant, to a person we talked to for 5 minutes on a beach handing as a palm full of cash, to a new friend paying our first four months’ rent for us in San Francisco. CRAZY! Right?

Just be willing. Just take that seemingly impossible, non-logical, Spirit-filled step of faith to do something big for God. There is literally nothing to fear, because **GOD WILL MAKE A WAY!!**

Many people have asked, “Aren’t you scared to leave everything behind to go to such a big and wicked city?” My answer at this point is rather simple, “Not really. After everything I have seen God do in my life, by providing every single need, to not trust Him at this point would just be stupid.” ☺ It is so true. From seeing my family move from Texas to Hawaii as a child, to Hali and I moving from Hawaii to Ohio to help start a church, and now our step out of Ohio to San Francisco God has never, ever, ever, not even once, failed to provide for our every need.

Maybe you feel unqualified to do something truly spectacular for Christ. Let me tell you something, God isn’t looking for the college degrees, the large bank accounts, or the perfect got-it-all-together life. He is looking for you right where you are at, right at this moment. He is simply looking for someone who is willing. Someone who will echo the words of Isaiah, “Here am I, Lord, send me.” There are a lot of excuses we could make but every one of them fall short when compared to the Almighty God of the Universe. Will you simply say, “God, I give up living for me, I surrender all to you. I am willing.” Just be willing to do that next thing for God, and then do it! Give more, serve more, share the gospel with a friend or neighbor, help a church planter, become a missionary....

Take that next step of faith knowing that God will make a way. Then do it again, and again, and again until one day you will look back and see all the miracles God preformed along the way. You, like me, will stand in awe and with tear filled eyes and a heart full of confidence cry out,

“God, thank you, for making a way.”