The Witte Family

September-December 2013

starting a church in Yucaipa, California

Dear Praying Friends,

What can we say but, To God be the glory! During the last four months, we have had some mountain-moving experiences. Mountain View Baptist Church has purchased our own property and has moved to Calimesa, California!

In October the church voted unanimously to move forward to purchase a church property in Calimesa, California. We had a two-week escrow and property close, and we now hold deed to our new property, which includes 2.74 acres, a 3,200 square-foot sanctuary, a 3,200 square-foot fellowship hall, a 1,500 square-foot house, and another 1,100 square-foot storage building. Our new address is 315 West Avenue L, Calimesa, CA 92320. That is the short version. There are just

too many details to mention other than to say that God literally moved mountains!

- 1. Friday teen group
- 2. Junior Church
- 3. New church building
- 4. Men's prayer breakfast
- 5. Our three-year anniversary service

We have seen an increased attendance across the board in all our services since our move to the new building. We are averaging right around 80 people on Sunday mornings. People are being saved and baptized, and we are seeing a steady flow of visitors to our services. On our 3-year anniversary, we had 116 in attendance. God has showered us with manifold blessings, one of those being a piano player. Each weekend 3 college students drive down to help minister in our church, helping in classes and in playing the piano!

Many of you have stayed with us through thick and thin and have encouraged us and supported us in some lean times. For that we are grateful. We are in transition mode. Moving certainly put a strain on finances, as many in the church sacrificed so that we could make the down payment and secure the property.

Since the inception of Mountain View Baptist Church, we have labored to become a self-supporting church. Through counsel and prayer, we have decided to step out by faith on May 1, 2014, no longer requiring support as missionaries. We are thankful we are nearly in a position to do this. Thank you for your faithfulness and love to our family.

Laborers together,

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