

Hello everyone,

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support!

We enjoyed my dad being able to visit at the end of April. Our children just loved “Papa” being here! He was able to help us out with our weekly home Bible study where we had a great singing! We took a tour of the sights including the ocean, Golden Gate, the Red Woods, Fisherman’s Warf and a drive down the Cooked Street. So for all you who haven’t made a trip out here yet, come on, we always have a good time☺!

Our entire staff along with our families all went to the Pepperdine Lectureships. This was the third year in a row for our family. It has become a tremendous source of encouragement. I really can’t say enough about how special the experience is. If you have never been, you need to start saving and put it on your calendar! I’m going to get you to California one way or another☺.

I have received a lot of positive feedback and have heard some very encouraging words from our long-standing members regarding their “thankfulness for their ministers and their families.” God is truly bringing us closer together as a family here at Lake Merced.

Our staff continues to meet regularly and plan our preaching strategies and rotation. This continues to be a very good thing. Wes’ parents Jim and Geraldine Woodell also visited recently and his dad was able to speak for us. We are so blessed to have so many who love and support us in the work here in San Francisco. Thank you all!

Some other good news, I was accepted into the Masters of Ministry program at Harding and am already under way with the orientation class. I am very excited about how this can help me grow personally as well as in serving others more effectively.

Thursday Night Bible Studies are going well and we hope to grow and draw more people in. Benito, one of the men Paul Crites taught and baptized recently, continues to come regularly. Jim and Pat Roach have been coming as well. Jose Garcia is also back in San Francisco and has stayed a few nights at our house while getting back on his feet. We are really excited to have him back at Lake Merced. We have had several visitors at church recently and are striving to effectively follow-up with all of them. There have already been some good Bible studies as a result including two students, Randy and Christina. Wes and Airiel have done an outstanding job of coming in and helping in this area. One of those families is Amanda Carter and Jason Williams along with their children Quinton (11) and Imara (7). We had a great lunch together with Amanda and her children at the Woodells Sunday after church. I think we all felt a good connection and hope that she will be joining us at Lake Merced regularly.

One of the young ladies we have been working with for some time now, just graduated from San Francisco State and is moving back to Salinas, CA. Sara and Izrael are in the process of going through a divorce and it has been one tough period in their lives. We were able to complete a series of studies with Sara and find out she has already obeyed

the gospel but said that through it all, she has recommitted her life to Christ and is very thankful for all that the church has done for her and her son Christopher. Dory and Airiel have done a great job of baby-sitting for Sara while she finished up her degree. Sara's mom, grandma and aunt treated us at Sara's graduation dinner and just couldn't thank us enough for being there for her. We had begun studies with Izrael too and are praying for a chance to finish those. Although our college students may move on after graduating or sometimes for other reasons, we hope to serve them as best we can while they are here, help them grow and become even more effective in taking Christ with them wherever they go.

We just finished up the school year at Bridgemont! It's been another great year! We have been so busy with end of the year events, but it has all been so much fun! I was asked to speak at the Jr. High Graduation next week. We love these kids so much. They are all so special to us. Beginning in July, we are going to try and have a "Youth Night" every Tuesday in our home. We want to keep our connection with these students. Right now, it does look like the school has found another location and will be relocating this summer. We are hoping and praying that this will be the best thing for both Lake Merced and Bridgemont.

We will be in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas during June 9-30. My brother Patrick is getting married and we have all kinds of family and friends that we are coming to see☺! We might not make it everywhere this time around, but we are certainly going to try.

Thank you again for your support! May God continually bless you all in Jesus Christ,

Paul, Dory, Caleb and Shiloh Fletcher