



The Van Zandt Family

Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

The journey has begun! We never would have thought that the Lord would allow us this great honor and privilege of being able to serve Him in this capacity and see our calling coming to fruition in such a time as this in our country.

During the month of January, Paul Cooper (Pastor at Boulevard Baptist Church), Roy Webster (Pastor at Grayson Bible Baptist Church), Pastor Tony Thomas (our sending Pastor), and myself went in search of a potential meeting place in Rhome, TX. Unfortunately, we could not find a location that suited our needs. Although that trip was not fruitful, we were blessed by receiving a unanimous vote to become IBFI Home Missionaries! What an encouragement and blessing! Likewise, in that same month, I had the opportunity to preach and formally present our burden at our sending church. Two weeks later they officially took us on for monthly support as their church planters! Praise God!

During the month of February Pastor Tony Thomas, Rick Rust (Assistant Director of BCPM), Dr. Jonathan Stewart (President of NBBS), and myself made another trip to search for locations to meet for the church plant in Rhome. Unfortunately, we did not find any locations that were able to suit our needs. Later in that same month, Rick Rust, Pastor Thomas, and myself went out to Rhome several more times in search for a building. The results were the same each time. Although no suitable location has become available, we know the Lord will provide in His timing! Also in February, I was able to begin the process of having our ministry video, prayer cards, web design, and graphic design created.

This month (March), the Lord has opened the door for me to preach and present at two churches: Worth Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Tyler Gillit and Pleasantview Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Jimmy McNeil. Though this month has brought about many trials and roadblocks (with my daughter fighting issues with her Cystic Fibrosis and my wife needing further testing done for our baby boy due in July), the Lord has been especially faithful to us in encouraging us in this time of waiting. There is a potential location that would meet our needs for both a house to live in, as well as a separate building to hold services for the church plant! Please be in prayer about this opportunity. Though it seems financially impossible, we serve a Lord who makes the impossible possible!

In Christ,

Heath Van Zandt

Psalm 115:1 "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Safety

Safety as we travel to churches.

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Health

Health for the whole family.

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Meeting Place

Find a place to hold services.

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Housing

Find a place to make our home.

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Reference Point

Christ will be exalted and God would be glorified.

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