

## THE VAN ZANDT FAMILY

## Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

## Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

In the months since our previous letter, our family has been reminded of the words written in Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct they paths."

April was a great month. I was able to present ABC to Joshua Baptist Church who was also able to take us on for support. In this month, we celebrated our first Resurrection Sunday! We had a couple of visiting families, and we were able to gift each family in attendance with a printed picture of their family as well as a small basket for the children. Later that month, I was blessed to take our first group of men to the Men's Advance conference in Oklahoma. It was a powerful meeting and great time of fellowship with the ABCP Team. To finish the month, we were gifted an incredible World Map by mine and my wife's college Sunday School teacher from the church she grew up in! What a beautiful way to keep the exalting of Christ (by the spread of the Gospel around the globe) a focal point at our church!

May was a busy and memorable month. We celebrated Mother's Day at ABC by honoring the mothers who were present with flowers and pictures of them with their children. Just a couple of weeks later, Caryssa's years of dedication and hard work paid off as she was able to graduate Norris Bible Baptist Seminary with this year's class of outstanding graduates. We were blessed to have many of our supporting Pastor's and their wives present at the ceremony to celebrate the occasion. It was such a blessing and encouragement for both my wife and I! At the end of the month, we invited the Jahvid family to teach and present their mission field in our Sunday morning services. We enjoyed learning more about their field and passion for the Lord and people in the time we were able to fellowship with them. We look forward to the day we are able to take them on for support as some of our first missionaries at ABC!

June opened up the Summer months when the weather heated up and things slowed down at ABC. On Father's Day we celebrated the fathers who were present with a great charge from God's Word and a small gift. We were blessed to have a visiting family as well. On Father's Day we also celebrated Silas's first birthday! It was undoubtedly a day of recognizing the goodness, grace, and mercy of the Lord!

July has had great ups ands downs. This month, while going door-to-door on a Saturday morning, we were blessed with answered prayer by seeing a young lady come to accept Christ as her Savior at her doorstep. This is the first soul we have seen saved in Rhome! She has not yet been to a service, but we ask that you be in prayer with us for Kendall as we seek to get her plugged in and discipled. I also have had the privilege this month to officially become the chaplain for the Rhome Police Department. I am excited to reach the community in this way, and I ask for your prayers as I build relationships with our officers and their families. I understand it will be both rewarding but also very difficult at times. Please pray for wisdom as I move forward in this role. The "downs" this month have been literal. We have seen fewer visitors and less financial support coming in to support our

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Health
Rick Rust: Cancer
Both kids are growing a
common CF bacteria.

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Membership

Pray for Zaccheus a young man looking at joining.



Services

That each service will be Christ-centered.



Outreach

That we will meet people who are searching.



Coffee with Veterans
Every 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the
month I will be having

coffee with veterans.



