



THE VAN ZANDT FAMILY

Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

I want to apologize for being out of touch in the recent months. Antioch Baptist Church is experiencing what Paul was writing about in Ephesians 3:20-21, "20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

God has been greatly at work at Antioch Baptist Church (exceedingly above what we've asked or thought!). As you may know, with the aid of investors, we were able to purchase the permanent property for Antioch Baptist Church. Praise the Lord! The final sale came out to be 1.225 million with 7.6 acres, the church building, and a mobile home. One incredible aspect is that the investors have agreed to a low payment of \$2,080 a month through 2024. It will then increase to \$4,160 through 2026. After each two year term it will increase by \$2,000 (if the church is able). The Investors only want to see the church succeed, and if there are some issues with making payments they have agreed to discuss certain terms to help ABC pay off the loan. The Lord has been gracious to us, even despite the setbacks (pressure tank flooded 6 rooms and the sanctuary, replacing AC units, new AC not working, injuries, and sickness). My family and I cannot express the amount of gratitude we have for each church, each family, and each individual who have been laboring in prayer for us. Each trial that we seem to face as a family, God has brought the victory for His glory. The Lord is the Great Shepherd, and He alone has carried us through step by step. I am reminded that the fruit of the land is found in the valleys, and I am thankful for God's provision and His protection during these times.

Though we have lost monthly support, the Lord has greatly used churches and individuals to help us nearly reach our goal of \$105,000! Only God can perform such a miracle! We have reached the \$95,000 that was pledged by several churches and individuals! Once again- Praise the Lord! We are nearly finished with the remodel. The additional \$10,000 would allow us to put in the finishing touches in the Sanctuary by putting down carpet. God has far exceeded our expectations with the churches who have partnered with us, and the financial sacrifice of the individuals who have given.

ABC has seen some growth as well! Most importantly (and what we are most excited and thankful for), this year we have seen 4 people saved from our weekly soul winning program and 2 from ministries of the church! We have had several first time visitors each service, and God has brought us a family who has been a huge help. They are currently going through our Discipleship program and have been faithful in work and worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health

Our kids have been getting sick more often.

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Membership

Please pray for us as we plug in our new members.

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Services

That each service will be Christ-centered.

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Outreach

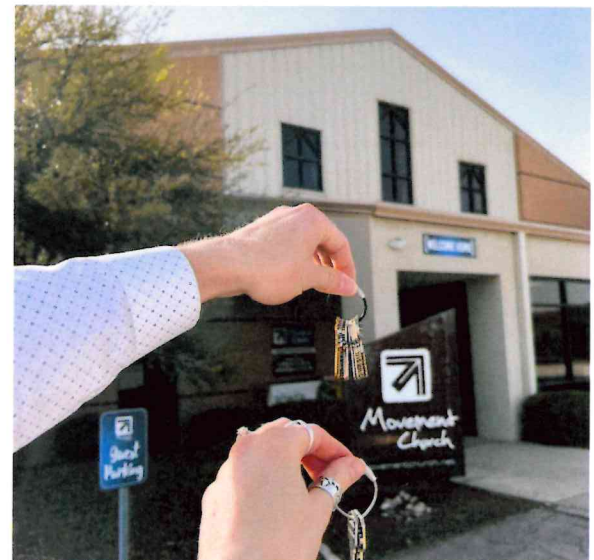
Please pray for our Soul Winning efforts in 2023.

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Stewardship

Please pray for wisdom as we are entering into uncharted territory for our Church!

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