



# MISSIONS UPDATE

## 2024 VOL 4



LOS ALAMOS OLD DAYS  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



## SPOTLIGHT: RETURN TO LOS ALAMOS

*Continue to Pray for Los Alamos!*

Thank you all for making **Old Days Service in the Park** such a spectacular day! It was wonderful to have corporate worship all together as one service and to see some new faces.

We want to continue to bless Los Alamos and engage them where they are, so we will be returning for a Pre-Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 24th. Please join us and engage with the people of this little town.

Pre-Thanksgiving  
**Dinner**

Enjoy a BBQ Dinner  
Meat & Sides Provided  
Bring Your Own Drinks

**AT LOS ALAMOS MEN'S CLUB**

Sunday, 24 Nov 4pm

STARTS AT 4:00 PM  
429 LESLIE ST  
LOS ALAMOS

# FROM THE FIELD: ARIZONA

## A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN & BAILEY PRUETT



We are always so thankful for your prayers on our behalf! We have so much to be thankful for and so much to depend on the Lord for.

### Praise!

- We've been waiting on approval to import our first helicopter into Indonesia and we finally have it! It has been loaded into a shipping container here in McNeal and will soon be on its way!
- One of the church planting locations that we used to fly for in the Philippines has completed the translation of the entire New Testament into the Banwaon language! They are hoping to have it printed and in the hands of the people early next year!

- Brian has one new helicopter student, Patrick, and we are excited to pour into him and his family this year and eventually send them off!
- Jake and Brittany have just completed their helicopter training and will be headed off to the Philippines!
- As a family we are doing well and basking in the faithfulness and care of the Lord. This year has brought beautiful mentors for our kids through the students passing through and an amazing community that we are a part of here.

### Pray!

- The importation of the new helicopter into Indonesia has the potential of bringing a lot of challenges. Pray for smooth importation processes and favor with the government.
- Pray for Albert and Lynne, who are the ones working on the Banwaon New Testament. They are understandably tired and have faced many obstacles along the way. Of course Satan doesn't want this to come to fruition! We know, though, who is victorious and our hope is in Him!
- Jake and Brittany, who we mentioned have just finished their training here, are ready to go the Philippines but because of some complications in her pregnancy, their future plans are uncertain. Please pray for baby girl and a healthy delivery in November!
- In a season of busy-ness, will you please pray that we would remain steadfast and focused on the One who brings deep rest and strength.

After last weekend's mountain bike race, we took a couple of days as a family to rest in the pine trees!

Thanks for praying! *Brian, Bailey and Family*



Our Replanted Ministry is well underway with a monthly support group welcoming 3 families from outside Element as well as 3 Element families. Thank you to our amazing volunteer children mentors. Our children are so blessed to have you ministering to them, and you make it possible for us to meet!

Our second-annual one-day Replanted conference will be Saturday, November 16th. We need help spreading the word for this time of connection and support for any foster, kinship, adoptive, or blended families. It's a time of rest and restoration.

More info:  
[ourelement.org/replantedconference](http://ourelement.org/replantedconference)  
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# FROM THE FIELD: THAILAND

## EDIE NELSON ON OUR MISSIONARIES TOM & JING

"Music has been the key to moving the teens away from drugs, phone addiction and into following Jesus and being disciples. They gather to learn instruments, practice, and have formed multiple worship teams. They also hang out and have fun. Once or twice a month they get to lead worship at "real church" formal Sunday service. A real move of God has begun among the youth to the point that a few pastors of other churches came to visit to see what's going on so their church can grow too." Blessings, Edie



**7 OF THE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS WERE BAPTIZED IN OCTOBER!**  
THANK YOU, ELEMENT, FOR SUPPORTING THESE TEENS! NOT ONLY ARE THEY STAYING IN SCHOOL, BUT THEY ARE COMING TO FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.



## ACROSS THE STREET: DELTA HIGH SCHOOL

It's that time of year again! We are gearing up to bless Delta with some Holiday Fun! We will be serving Pumpkin Pie and bringing raffle prizes for their school wide Thanksgiving Meal on Friday, November 22nd. If you would like to donate a \$10 gift card for the raffle prizes, please drop them by the Welcome Center during November.

We are starting to collect donations for the Holiday Store! If you have any new or gently used items to donate, please bring them to the Welcome Center between Sunday, November 3rd- Sunday, December 1st (please no earlier). We are looking for any items, but the students really like blankets, towels, socks, toiletries, jackets, etc... (Please see full list at the Welcome Center). Students will be shopping the week of December 8th. If you would like to help set up the store or help the students shop, please email [Justine.Cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:Justine.Cassaro@ourelement.org) to sign up for a time.



## Antioch

### Church of San Luis UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers over Antioch to find a new place to gather after outgrowing their backyard. Antioch is planning to move in November to the Octagon Barn in San Luis - about 2 miles from where they currently meet.

The location exists as a means to hallow the name of the Father, to see His Kingdom come, and for His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.



# FROM THE FIELD: UCSB

## KRISTAL MELTON WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Happy Fall All! The Fall Quarter has begun at UCSB and we are getting back into the swing of regular activities with lots of new students! We had our Welcome Dinner Friday, September 27th and we had 45 total students, 37 of whom had never come to an ISI event before (most were just starting their time at UCSB, whether as Freshmen undergraduates or study-abroad this school year). It was very exciting, and the students loved it. We are having our second dinner this coming Friday and already have another big group signed up!

Two days after the Welcome Dinner we had a scavenger hunt in downtown Santa Barbara, which was a fun opportunity for us all to get to know one another more and for students to see and learn about the city.

We have had two meaningful Bible study gatherings already with some great questions and new students joining, and fun Conversation Café and lunch meetings too! One of my favorite moments after the Welcome Dinner was when I drove three French students back to campus. They mentioned that they were looking for our group because a French student who had studied at UCSB last year did a write-up about her time abroad and told others that they needed to find ISI if they studied abroad. Praise God for the impact we are having, and that students share with their friends and even strangers about this wonderful group of Christians who love and welcome them!

We also covet your prayers as we have discussions around learning versus wisdom and look at Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 1:25. May God open hearts and minds, and call students from around the world to follow Him! Thank you for praying and supporting us in so many ways; may God reveal more of Himself to you this week as well!

Love in Him, Kristal

*For more information about ISI, how to get involved, and how to partner financially, check out [www.isi-santabarbara.org](http://www.isi-santabarbara.org) and [www.internationalstudents.org](http://www.internationalstudents.org).*



## IN TOWN: CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER

Hi, Annie Sulonen here, new nurse manager at Care Net. They had been looking for a nurser manager for two years now, and I am so thankful to be able to serve our community in this role! I get to provide clinical expertise for new moms, both experiencing planned and crisis pregnancies. I am also training in first and second trimester ultrasound to enhance our services and provide ultrasounds more than once a week. I am truly enjoying being here and am excited to see how the Lord continues to grow this ministry to meet the needs here in Santa Maria. We actually recently purchased and closed escrow on our own building, and we will be moving in next year! Another exciting new thing is that we started a dads' program called, "Dr. Dad, Healthy Dad", a guided online program that new dads can start, even while their partners are in early pregnancy. We are committed to caring for the whole family. Care Net is 100% donation funded, and we thank you, Element, for your continued support and prayers. You are truly helping to make a difference for many babies and families right here in our community.



**Our very own Hillary Reed has been volunteering and helping organize the Care Net free children's boutique!**