



# Restore Church

# We exist

to help people find and follow Jesus.

# We aim

to be a church that is **louder about the things Jesus was for**, than against.

### We are

a **trauma-informed** church creating a safe place for those who have been hurt.







#### **Dear Friends,**

We've been in California for around 2 1/2 months now and are slowly feeling more settled. I have been substitute teaching in a local school, and Caz was able to pick up an additional graphic design client who needs more work done, so we are very grateful to The Lord for this!

You may recall in our last newsletter I mentioned that when we first arrived in California we had to go to a church planting training day, and its there that we were undergoing assessment to see whether or not GLI would recommend us to plant a church with the organization "Rize" who we have been working with.

Just last week we got the full results back; a 34 page detailed assessment of our personalities, giftings, leadership abilities, experience and testing scores, as well as areas we need to work on to be successful. We had heard prior that we did well and they really wanted to work with us, but the official results are that they do recommend us both for planting a church, with a coach. Over 40,000 pastors have taken this assessment, and both of us scored well above the median range, so we are honored they believe we will be successful in planting a church. We are also eager to have a coach walk with us and give us wisdom and advice as although we've both been doing church ministry for many years, we haven't planted a church from scratch before, and would love the mentoring from an experienced church planter to help us.



#### Saturday, April 19

We wanted to reach out to our neighbors over Easter and thought of an idea to have an Easter Egg Hunt for children, totally free, just as a way to show kindness, and also hopefully get to meet some of the neighbors we hadn't met yet. We simply wanted to do something generous.

Caz and the girls filled 600 eggs with candy that week, and we handed out flyers to the neighbors. After the weather was freezing that week, the day of the hunt was sunny and perfect! We had around 25 kids show up, and around 10-12 parents. It was a great success! Every child went away with a bucket full of eggs, we got to meet and chat with many neighbors who some we'd never met before, and they were all blown away that we put it on. One neighbor even grabbed his Easter backdrop so that parents could take photos of their kids. We were thrilled with how it all went.









#### **Budget Approval**

Rize asked as a next step that we set a budget for Restore Church for 2025 and 2026. We previously heard that we wouldn't get any funding until 2026; however, two other church plants are apparently no longer going forward, so they are able to fund us much sooner than planned. Rize funds from 6 months prior to launching. This is great news because it will mean we can now be paid a wage that will take a lot of financial pressure off, so that we can focus mostly on planting. We will still need to bring in other income, but it would be a huge relief to get this much needed assistance financially.

They asked us when we would want to start services, and at present we've said January 4, 2026. We are waiting to hear back as to whether the budgets we set are approved or not and whether that start date will work.

Possible Start Date: January 4, 2026!







#### **Needs**

We truly appreciate your prayers. Here are some things we are praying about and would love for you to join us in prayer for as well.

Budget approval

That this happens this week, and we would start to get that much needed funding.

**Core Team** 

Once we get budget approval we will start to really work on recruiting our team. Please pray that The Lord builds our team with godly men and women who will help us further His Kingdom!

Finances

Pray that new people would support our church plant financially. Though we will receive funds from Rize, we still must raise a lot more in addition to this.

You can also check out our latest video update by going to my Youtube channel: BryanASands. I encourage you to watch the video as I'm entirely honest about the realities and challenges of raising financial support for Restore Church.

Thank you again for all your support!

Love Bryan, Cag, and the girls! x



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## **Ways to Give**

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