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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Anchor Baptist Church celebrated four years of existence a few weeks ago. God has been very gracious to us! It is so encouraging to see how Christ builds the church. The Lord's working in the hearts of individuals in our congregation is a constant source of joy to me.

I'd like to share the testimony of our most recent convert and his baptism. Philip first came to our church a couple of years ago – it was also the last time until he unexpectedly came in several weeks ago. During the middle of the message, he left – not a very encouraging sign! One of our ushers went to check on him in the foyer. All that God had been doing in Philip's life spilled out as he broke down weeping and asked for prayer. Sitting on a bench outside, Mac (the usher), led Philip through the message of the gospel. After eagerly calling on Christ to save him, Philip returned to the service smiling. I didn't find out what happened until after the service was done.

We praise God for Philip's salvation and subsequent baptism. I wish to say this happens weekly or even monthly, but we keep laboring and trusting in God to bring the increase in His time!

It is through your sacrifice and prayers that Philip and others have been born into God's family. Thank you for being a channel for God's grace.

At this time, if you are still financially supporting us, I'd like to ask you to redirect those funds to another church plant in the USA. We have come a long way by God's grace since we first imagined planting a church in Los Angeles County. It would not be possible without the gifts of so many people. God's kindness to us is so evident – we started from scratch and now we are an established congregation with our own property in Southern California! Over these past few years, we've seen numerous converts baptized and many lives changed by the Word of God. We trust that with God's enabling these are the firstfruits of a church that will endure far beyond our lifespans.

Rejoicing in Christ,

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