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CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

- **Pat & Julie Dirkse**
City Church of Compton, Compton
- **Arnoldo & Viviana Escobar**
City Church Spanish Compton
- **Navin & Pabitra Bhandari**
US Nepalese Christian Church,
Paramount
- **Jonathan & Charrise Mathews**
Vine Church Compton
- **Rudy & Edna Rubio**
Reformed Church of LA, Lynwood
- **Larry Barber**
Church of Grace
- **Manna Church Plant Movement
in California**



Why did Jesus have to come in on a donkey? Why is Good Friday good? This year we'll unpack the distinct parts of the Easter story, focusing on the theology of the Easter season. Sign up to receive the video devotionals right to your inbox at www.erc.la.

FUTURE CHURCH PLANTS

- **Chris Marquez**
Reformed Church of LA, Wilmington
- **Tomas Portillo**
Future Church in Compton
- **Rafael Jauna**
Future Church Plant Movement in
Guaymas, Mexico

Congratulations to proud parents Luis and Indy Pulido Sr, proud big siblings Luis Jr and Isabella, and family, on the birth of Lizbeth Sarai Pulido Wednesday, December 27th.

Congratulations to proud parents Oscar and Rebecca Dorantes, proud big siblings Olivia, William, and George, proud grandparents David and Ruth Hamel, and family on the birth of Arthur Leo Dorantes on Tuesday, February 13th, at 2:57am, weighing 6lb 2oz and 20" long.

Our Christian sympathy to Ron and Eileen Davis and family on the passing of Ron's mother, Eva Foster, on Tuesday, February 6th, at the age of 95. Services will take place at 11am, Saturday, March 2nd, in the Hope Chapel at Forest Lawn Cypress (4471 Lincoln Ave, Cypress, CA 90630, Hope Chapel).

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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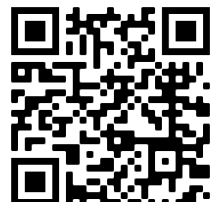
Additional Giving Opportunities
Church Planting Fund offering March 3

Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$456,928.22
YTD Budget: \$442,368.00

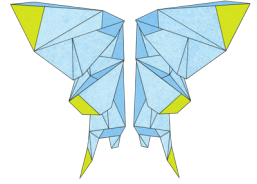
Last Week's Offering: \$42,907.88
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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PEACE IN THE PAIN



- **Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:1-5

"Dear heart, we simply disagree. Suffering is not the absence of goodness, it is not the absence of beauty, but perhaps it can be the place where true beauty can be known. In your choosing your own death, you are robbing those that love you with the such tenderness, the opportunity of meeting you in your last moments and extending you love in your last breaths."

- Kara Tippetts letter to Brittany Maynard

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

- Romans 5:1

When "we also glory in our sufferings it means that as Christians we do not deny the reality of our sufferings nor are we overcome by them. (Romans 5:3)

Good coming from suffering (Romans 5:3-4)

- Call to perseverance
- Refining of our character

"God is more concerned with conforming me to the likeness of His Son than leaving me in my comfort zones. God is more interested in inward qualities than outward circumstances - things like refining my faith, humbling my heart, cleaning up my thought life and strengthening my character."

- Joni Eareckson Tada

- Biblical hope

- People who continually quit or try to cut corners rob themselves and those around them of encounters with God's grace and opportunities for growth. The most important things to help us endure is that God promises to be with us (Isaiah 43:2)

Romans 5 gives us clear pictures of who we were before relationship with Jesus and who we are becoming in our walk with him:

- V6 Powerless → Holy Spirit empowered
- V6 Ungodly → Godly
- V8 Sinners → Holy Saints
- V10 Enemies → Friends and Family of God

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8

- Time of Reflection

God promises the believer "peace in the pain". In reading Romans 5:3-4:

- How is God calling you to persevere?
 - How is God refining your character?
 - Where are you placing your hope?
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