



Greetings from Santa Barbara,

The subject line in the email read, "Expanding our vision for ministry." Here's what Richard Vickers, Elder at Monte Vista Presbyterian, had to say...

"Hi Jan, Great idea to stir the pot and get the cobwebs out of the mix and let the juice for Christ fill our veins! Here at Monte Vista we printed an invitation to Easter services (3) again this year including a sunrise service. The generally worded invite was handed out to those interested in passing them out. For me, an accountant type, never trying to impose on anyone leaves much room for even a small amount of discipleship.

So I took the 50+ invites, went door to door engaging many neighbors face to face and invited them to services. I am not sure...but this...gave me a sense of mission I don't believe I have ever felt before. One in approaching my neighbors with a simple message that we care about them and would love to share Easter services with them and their family. Secondly, letting them know that Monte Vista is alive and committed to Christ's presence in Newbury Park. I look forward to expanding this one on one connection within our community."

Thank you Richard, for your commitment to sharing your excitement with your brothers and sisters in our Presbytery. And to all who are reading this... please continue to send me your creative initiatives so we can make them available to our entire fellowship.

Now, on to Albania... where the Santa Barbara Presbytery continues to enjoy the privilege of supporting fledgling Emmanuel Church in the capital city of Tirana. The three videos, now ready for your viewing, are short. Their messages are powerful. Click here to witness what God is doing through your support in the hearts of believers in Tirana. And please share these videos with your congregation at the earliest date possible.

Let's talk it over,

Jan

A reminder... *The church is the church only when it exists for others:* John Calvin