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• *Church Planting in Desert Hills, Arizona* •

## August - October Update 2019

Earlier this year Alexa planted her first garden in our backyard, and after dealing with the Arizona heat and weeds all summer, we now have a greater appreciation for the harvest. (Not much survived, but we sure do enjoy the tiny crop that did!) We also have a better understanding for why Jesus used many farming analogies in his teaching, and how they apply to a young church. The need for patience in sowing the seed, understanding of our adversary's zeal to snatch the seed, and fervent prayer for the Lord to bless the harvest are vital areas in which God has stretched us during the latest season of our church. Even in what may be viewed as a slower season of response, we are still encouraged by how God builds His church little by little.

### Increase in Faith Promise

The end of August marked the end of Hillcrest Baptist Church's first twelve-month commitment period for giving to Faith Promise missions, and we were thrilled to see God enable us to keep those commitments. During that time we were able to partner with seven missionaries around the world! In September we had our second annual Missions Sunday and were challenged by BIMl representative Mike McCombie to have a greater burden for world evangelism. When we received our Faith Promise commitments for the next twelve-months, the tally showed an increase in commitments, but even more exciting was to see cards from first-time participants! One of those first-time participants told me recently that she gave her missions offering and the very next week God provided her extra income! What a joy to see people take God at His Word and see Him provide!

We were privileged to host missionaries to the Navajos in New Mexico and to the people of Ecuador on our Missions Sunday

