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Their church has been growing and is beginning to be accepted by people in the area. This is one of the few English-speaking, evangelical churches in the city. Paul knows California. He served at another Baptist church in the area for 15 years and has been studying at Gateway Seminary of the SBC, one of our six Southern Baptist seminaries in nearby Ontario. Note that our church supports Paul and Renee AND Gateway Seminary through our Cooperative Program giving.

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