



# village Missions

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Keeping Country Churches Alive

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Jim & Michele Laxson joined Village Missions in March of 2013 and arrived at the Lake California field July, 2013. Lake California is a gated community of 3400 people in Cottonwood, California, about 20 miles south of Redding, and represents all economic levels. The church, Lake California Community Church, began as a Bible study and became affiliated with Village Missions in 1993 to provide spiritual leadership and overall structure.

The 150+ members/attendees of Lake California Community Church presently meet at the Lake Club, the community facility. Although Lake California is a gated community, access from outside the gate is available for all retail and commercial services which includes the church. This gives the church opportunity to minister to residents both inside and outside of the gate. There is about 15% of the attendees coming from outside the gate from as far away as Red Bluff (@15 miles) and N. Redding (@20 miles).

Jim is enjoying his role as pastor and teacher of the flock while being a missionary to the community. Opportunities for community involvement have included participation in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, 4th of July and many other special events. As the “missionaries to the community” at large, Jim and Michele may perform memorial services, counseling and meet other needs. Michele is keeping busy as the youth ministry director, discipling some young moms and began training other women in Women’s Ministry. God continues to bless in a variety of ways.

The Lord is blessing through the preaching of the Word and loving people. In our 5+ years. Bible Read-Thru is a major opportunity to getting the people in the Word every other year. Small group encouragement and accountability were facilitated and many have completed the Read-Thru multiple times. The Spirit has used His Word to ignite this body.

April 6th 2017, the purchase of 4.62 acres of property for a future ministry facility (church) was completed. Design and fundraising has resulted as we prepare to build this ministry tool to more effectively reach our communities. The property is directly across the street from the Lake Club where the church currently meets and is bordered by 2 main roads and Indian Lake on 2 sides.

You can follow some of the happenings and listen to Jim’s sermons at [www.lakecachurch.com](http://www.lakecachurch.com) and check out Village Missions at [www.villagemissions.org](http://www.villagemissions.org). Thank you for your faithful participation in this ministry!