

Hello Ambassador!

It's hard to believe that nearly eight months have passed since our move. Transitioning to life in Northern California has certainly had its moments—including my parents' tree falling over during our very first week—but overall, we feel incredibly fortunate to be up here. After living with my parents and Becky's mom, we were blessed to buy our first house in January. It's already been filled with friends, family members, and students. We're having our first overnight guest this week (a college student from William Jessup University), and hope for this to be a place of hospitality for anyone to come visit or stay on Northern California adventures!

Ministry continued at a steady pace through the fall and winter, though it has shifted into a different rhythm this spring as my role within College Golf Fellowship evolves. Last fall, I caddied and led Bible studies at two PGA Tour Q-School sites and helped host three retreats for college students and young professionals. While these retreats are always a lot of fun, at the crux of it all is solid biblical teaching. We really value that small-group time where these guys can process the Gospel, ask honest questions, and grow in their faith.

This spring, I've intentionally limited my travel to just a handful of tournaments so I can focus on mentoring our younger staff, helping to equip them for the work they're doing in their own regions. I've also been leading a Bible study at a local country club centered on "Controversies in Christianity." It's been a great environment to tackle complex topics and provide a space for people to bring friends who are navigating their own doubts or questions.

In April, I caddied again at a PGA Tour Americas Q-School, which was a great chance to reconnect with guys I've known since their college days. One person in particular to keep an eye on is Tegan Andrews. I spent a lot of time with him during his years at Cal State Fullerton, and he's now competing in his first professional season. Please keep him and the other guys who love Jesus in your prayers; the professional circuit can be a lonely road with plenty of pitfalls. Our organization hosts weekly studies for players on this tour as well as both the Korn Ferry and PGA Tours to make sure they stay grounded in their faith.

As I mentioned, my own role is in a bit of a transition as our organization has grown to 40 staff members. We've realized we need better strategy and more intentional staff care. With my background in spiritual direction, I'm really enjoying the prospect of stepping into a role that empowers our younger staff to lead healthy, fruitful lives—focusing on long-term faithfulness rather than just "chasing numbers."

Your ongoing prayer and support mean the world to us, especially after the nearly ten years we spent at Ambassador during our time in LA. I'm planning to be in the area on Father's Day, as we're hosting a student retreat in Dana Point that weekend. The following week, the California State Amateur is at Hacienda Golf Club. I'm hoping to compete, but even if I'm not in the field, I'll be there caddying and looking for every opportunity to engage with the players spiritually.

Thank you for being such a vital part of this journey with us. We're so grateful for your partnership as we navigate this new chapter.

Grace and peace,
Eric and Becky Salazar