

A Brief Overview of The Church in Morgan Hill

Families and small groups of saints from Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister, and Aptos started gathering regularly to enjoy the Lord in Morgan Hill in 1992. Over time several families moved away, and the few remaining saints drove to meet with the saints in Santa Clara and San Jose. In 2009 the Lord moved several young families with a good number of children to Morgan Hill and nearby South San Jose. At this time it became apparent that the Lord was moving and operating in this area. By the Lord's sovereignty, some shepherds from surrounding localities were sent to care for these families. Many enjoyable home meetings were used by the Lord to cherish the saints. The saints in Morgan Hill began to meet as a district of San Jose in 2013, meeting twice a month for the table meeting in the homes. These meetings had a very warm and inviting family atmosphere, and the saints all became very close and intimate with each other. The smaller meetings allowed and encouraged all the saints to function.

In 2017 and 2018 Morgan Hill was targeted as a GTCA city. The FTTA trainees, the local saints, and many saints from all over Northern California and the Central Coast labored on the campus of Gavilan community college and in the community with activities tailored to families and children. After much prayer and fellowship with the brothers in the surrounding localities, the church in Morgan Hill took the ground on September 16, 2018 with the support of over 200 saints.

In the church in Morgan Hill there are **currently** 20-25 adult saints meeting on a weekly basis, plus 8 young people and 12-15 children. There are 8 new ones who are consistent in meeting with the saints, and more than 12 new contacts for whom the saints are burdened. In addition to the Lord's table meeting, prophesying meeting, and prayer meeting, there are two regular home meetings that typically take place on the weekend, one in Morgan Hill and the other in Gilroy.

Campus Work at Gavilan College located in Gilroy just 10 minutes south of Morgan Hill. The student population is roughly 12,000. There is currently a faculty member on campus who is a brother. There used to be some full-time serving ones laboring on the campus, and some of the fruit gained are still meeting with us today. With most students living locally, gaining a student sometimes leads to gaining the whole family. However, it is challenging to have consistent labor or establish bible studies on campus without additional support.

Campus work at Cal State University of Monterey Bay (CSUMB) located in Marina/Monterey. Student population 8,000. Some saints from Monterey used to labor on campus for an extensive period of time, but they moved away recently. Currently we have two students who are saints in the church life, and a family lives nearby. Potentially a bible study can be helpful to strengthen our students and gain new fruit.

We feel currently there is a **particular need** to strengthen the church in Morgan Hill with more families. Morgan Hill is the Bay Area city where many Silicon Valley workers choose to raise their children. While we have a strong burden for more young families, we will also greatly benefit from older, mature saints in Morgan Hill.

- The population in Morgan Hill is 45,501, 49.5% caucasian, 33.8% hispanic, 10.5% asian, 1.8% black
- Morgan Hill is Family Oriented: - 57.2% are married - 37.9% are married with children.
- The Median household income of a Morgan Hill resident is \$96,232 a year (US average is \$53,482 a year)
- While jobs have decreased across the US, jobs have increased by 2.5% in Morgan Hill over the past year. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 45.1%, above the US average of 33.5%.
- The average one-way commute in Morgan Hill takes 34.6 minutes (the US average is 26.4 minutes).
- The weather comfort index for Morgan Hill is 9.4/10, which means it is more comfortable than most places in California.