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Brethren, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25

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To our Beloved Brethren in Christ,

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The Lord has certainly been gracious to us this month and we want to begin by praising Him for His unspeakable glory and incomparable goodness. The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. We have driven around 3,000 miles as a family and been in 6 different states. Benjamin flew over 4,600 miles and flew clear across our beloved America. In all this we have been brought safely through by the hand of God.

Oh how we need to pray for our country: we must pray for its leaders and its citizens alike. Please be in prayer for this election, and for God to have mercy upon our land. Nor can we forget, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). America is in sad shape and in desperate need of Bible preaching churches and God honoring Christians. Anyone who is honest can see that our sin is a global reproach to us, let alone the reproach we bear before Heaven. May we all continue to pray and to point people to the refuge of the Mighty Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Jesus Christ is still the Answer for man's Sin problem!!!**

The Lord allowed us to make almost every meeting except two this month due to some sick-ness. Benjamin was able to make the survey trip and flew into Boise, ID on Sep. 10th. The next 4 days was spent with Lighthouse BC in Payette. The Hensleys and the Rues were kind enough to provide for me and show me around Idaho. The view from Idaho was town after town with no Independent Baptist Church. Consider Boise with 228,000 approximate population with not one solid Independent Baptist Church, only one struggling work. Praise God for this one brother who is there. I met one dear pastor above 80 years and no one there to hand the work to. The need is desperate! Praise God for a man who is willing to stick with it! I enjoyed preaching to the saints of Lighthouse Baptist Church on Sunday Sep. 13th and they were indeed a blessing to me.

Being brought on my way by the church, I set out Monday morning on the 14th for Oregon. I was unsure with the wildfires scattered throughout Oregon, but knew God wanted me to press forward. With Lighthouse praying, and after asking others to pray, I pressed on through Eastern Oregon until I came to Bend, OR. I looked around here for awhile and then tried to go west up and over the Cascades; however, it became evidently clear around 4:30 pm when the smoke turned midday to dusk that I had to turn back around to Bend. The next morning I ventured up to Redmond, a town of 31,000 people and no Independent Baptist Church. While travelling up the highway, I noticed the disturbing sign pictured here. The **Central Oregon Atheists** had adopted the highway. How sad! Then on to the Willamette Valley to see Corvallis, Albany, Salem, and finally to Portland, OR with smaller towns along the way. It mattered not where I went in either Idaho or Oregon, it was the same—plenty of room and often plenty of people, but not enough churches, or **NO** churches at all.



We were able to place the Gospel by booklet, or word of mouth with several people and in almost every town and city we visited. God crossed our paths with atheists, homeless people, park workers, store workers, and one man whose house had burned down in the fires. The Gospel was sprinkled throughout Idaho and Oregon, and may God give the increase. The Lord put some things in our heart during this trip and we are praying over them with our pastor and some others. Please continue to pray with us over God's direction. **THANK YOU ALL for your prayers and financial support.** The Lord gave us 7 new supporters this month. What a blessing to have partners in the work. We could not go but for those holding the ropes for us!

Because He first loved us,
The Cooleys (Rev. 22:21)

