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Reaching the
Northwest USA

Brethren, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25

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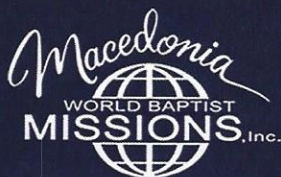
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To our Beloved Brethren in Christ,

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Our Report: By God's grace, we closed on our house in TN on July 5th and left for Oregon that very day. The Lord protected us on the 2700+ mile trip from Harriman, TN to Redmond, OR. God's Hand was evident as we travelled and we bless His name. We stopped in Buffalo, WY for the Northwest Orientation week with MWBM at Buffalo Baptist Church and had four good days of teaching and preaching from the Scriptures. From there we pressed on and made our way north and west visiting with church planters in MT, ID, and WA. Each work was in a different step and proves the difficulty of church planting in America. One family is still on deputation, and one family is less than a year into the work and making their presence known in the community, and one is well established with much fruit for the glory of God. Each work speaks of God's desire and ability to reach the Northwest USA with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Presently, we are safely parked in our motorhome in Terrebonne, OR as we search for more permanent housing.

We highlight several names and ask you to remember these individuals in prayer for salvation. Only God can draw the hearts of men to Himself and save the soul from sin! First, we remind you of **Mark** in **Oak Ridge, TN**. Second, there is **Rusty** in **Buffalo, WY**. Third, there is **Marty**, a drunken and confused Catholic with whom we spoke in front of a bar in **Wallace, ID** alongside Bro. Ray Godfrey, missionary to ID. Fourth, there is **Jeremy** in **Liberty Lake, WA** who grew up in church, but has no time for God anymore. Finally, we started giving a witness to **Kim** in **Bend, OR** and quickly learned of her Atheistic worldview and how she believes that man is the "Higher Power" and all we could ever need is to be found within ourselves. While she rejected our witness and refused a gospel booklet, she was cordial, and before we parted ways, we were able to declare the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and men must look to Him to find salvation. All of these people are blinded by the devil's darkness and stand in need of God's grace and mercy for salvation.

We plan to participate in the Deschutes County Fair the first week of August with Victory BC in Bend. Please pray for the Gospel Truth Booth and for the evangelistic efforts to be powerful and fruitful. This is a great opportunity and makes the gospel available to thousands of people.

Our Requests: Please pray for the following requests – and Thank You.

- for boldness to declare the Gospel to all those around us.
- for divine appointments to speak with men on God's behalf.
- for grace to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
- for humility and holiness to reign within the hearts of our own family.
- for adequate and affordable housing in the vicinity of Redmond, OR. The housing search has proven to be more difficult than we expected. Please continue in prayer for this need. We sense spiritual opposition and are competing with California "Cash offers." Renting means double the monthly payment and is well outside our budget. We are seeking to purchase for several reasons, one being to help validate that we have come to stay and come to serve Christ in Central Oregon. Again, we ask — "Brethren, pray for us."

Our Rejoicing: We rejoice in the Lord's gracious care of our family as we traveled across America. Through your faithful giving and the special giving of some of you our travel expenses were covered. We are grateful that we were able to see Mt. Rushmore in person, and many beautiful places along the interstates. However, everywhere we went and each stop along the way we saw the marks of sin left on man from the Fall in the garden. Sin abounds throughout the land and we rejoice in the provision of Calvary through our Lord Jesus Christ. He declared of Himself, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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

