

# the Cooleys

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Brethren, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25

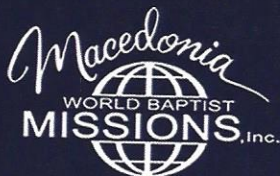
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To our Beloved Brethren in Christ,

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**Our Report:** Greetings to all. We trust our first letter of 2023 finds you serving the Lord with gladness and singleness of heart. The Lord is certainly worthy of both our devoted service and undivided loyalty. We have started holding a Sunday Service since our last letter, and although no one from the local community surrounding our meeting place has come, we have been able to speak with many and get the gospel into their hands and homes. We are asking the Lord to shine the light of the Gospel into their hearts that they might come to salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:3-6). David is still being discipled and coming on Sundays. We ask you to pray for his lost family that they might be saved.

As we go about the normal necessities and activities of everyday life, we find many doors open to give an individual witness for Christ. More often than not, people are uninterested and often will not even receive a tract—yet there are some. With these, we seek to take what time they will give us to share Christ with them. We will offer to meet for coffee, or simply meet up or converse by phone and answer questions folks might have about God and the Bible, but so far none have called us or agreed to meet.

There are a couple cashiers at Walmart we are working on. There is Sarah at the Lowe's who professes to be a Muslim. There is Dylan who works at a local, organic Cannabis refinery (which we stumbled onto by accident while door knocking). **We were out seeking souls, not substance!** Help us pray against the wicked and numbing influence of drugs throughout this region. There is Scott at Lowe's who has a strong desire to leave Oregon and move to TN. We are working on Frank, who is mine and Noah's barber (Frank has promised that he is coming out to a Sunday service soon). There is John, whom another preacher from WA and I are working on too as of just recently. We are pointing these souls to Christ and ask your fervent prayers on their behalf. There is also Matthew, who is homeless; we may never see him again, but we fed him a hot meal and talked with him of Christ and the Scriptures for an hour before he had to go. We left him with materials which will point him to Christ. Please pray for his conversion.

The stuffing of the door hanger bags is almost finished, and we are starting now with our canvassing project soon. We have 15,000 to get out and desire your prayers for this (Acts 4:29). This week we ordered the EDDM to go out to 20,634 homes in the 97756 zip code. This is a Gospel post card which includes our contact info, but primarily exhorts men to repent and believe the Gospel. It also includes a website address where they can go and find **HOPE**. The website is mainly a video recording which presents the Gospel and offers people a way to contact us. Please pray that many contacts will come out of this. We are planning for a Gospel/opening meeting April 16-18 and inviting the whole city of Redmond between the mailouts and the door hangers.

Would you please make this meeting a matter of **prayer and fasting** that all things would be said and done for the glory of God and for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ in this region? We are asking the Lord to awaken sinners to their desperate need of Christ. So many people are so blinded and lost in the dark night of sin—we need the power of God (Acts 4:31)!

**Our Requests:** In light of all we mentioned above, **Please pray** that the Word of the Lord might have free course and for God to be glorified in all things (2 Th. 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 4:11).

**Our Rejoicing:** We are rejoicing in the Lord concerning you! The faithfulness of God's churches encourages our hearts in the work of the Lord's Harvest. We are striving to pray more for our supporting churches, and friends, and pastors. We also rejoice in the Lord's faithful provision! We have sold our RV, and the Lord is providing financially for us to get a vehicle suitable to what we need for life and ministry here in Central Oregon. Thank you to those who have given, to those who have prayed, and to God be the glory!

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