

# the Cooleys

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Reaching the  
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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:** February is now behind us, and another day has been given to us. We have been busy this month canvassing and spreading God's Word by giving out the John and Romans. The EDDM has provoked several responses. We have received emails and phone calls, which are both good and evil. It reminds us of a certain text of Scripture, "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God..." (2 Cor. 6:3-4). We must **approve** ourselves or introduce and exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God **in** certain things and **by** certain things and **as** certain things. Verse 8 says, "By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;" (2 Cor. 6:8). Some defame us, and some seek to distract us, and one or two has encouraged us. We are being yelled at and cursed almost every time we go door to door. While out helping along with the congregation of Victory BC, our friend and brother Pastor Peil, was chased down and had a John and Romans he had just hung, thrown back at him. Scripture again comes to mind, "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Cor. 2:15-16). **Please continue praying** for the distribution and canvassing project. We have churches scheduled to come over every Saturday in March to help us.

We were able to work a Gospel Truth Booth and assist Brother Rob H. during the Oregon Winterfest on the 17th and 19th. The gospel was shared with many, and at least one young lady (Amy) professed faith in Christ as Brother Rob pointed her to Christ. I had a young woman who persisted that I agree with her that God accepts everybody, including Sodomites as His children. I took her to several scriptures, and she ended up refusing to hear them and started yelling at me and calling me a hypocrite. So many are so confused here in Oregon (and around the world), for they are blinded by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:3-4). **Please pray** for Amy and for this other woman who took a gospel card, but rejected God's Word in this serious matter.

We continue discipleship with David, and God is working in his family's life. We ask you to **please continue praying** for his wife Kaylee. We also are working with a homeless drunkard, who had told us he was committed to killing himself by the legal process of Euthanasia. This was several weeks ago, and he is still here. I believe the Lord has intervened in his life and given him another opportunity. He laughed in my face when I spoke with him recently of Hellfire and eternal damnation. He is often so drunk, he doesn't even wake up when I go to check on him. **Please pray** for David. God gave me favor with some folks while out canvassing. **Please pray** for their souls. Sherry, Tyler, and Abby are their names. There is also Bill, Stan, Dave, and another David that have reached out in response to our EDDM and canvassing. We have two families from the SE side of town promising to come for the opening meetings. The Lord is working, and your prayers and support bring you into the fellowship of the gospel here in Central Oregon.

## **Our Requests: Your prayers enable us, and we thank you! Please Pray...**

- for all the souls mentioned.
- for the meetings scheduled for April 16-18 (7pm nightly).
- for laborers for the harvest in your area, in ours, and around the world.
- for the ministry God has entrusted to us to be approved in all things, lest we should ever bring reproach upon the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Our Rejoicing:** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58). We rejoice in your steadfast service and loyalty to Christ. **Hold fast and fight the good fight of faith**—surely our Captain is arriving soon. Let us look for that Blessed Hope each and every day!

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

