

# 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:** The Lord has once again blessed our family and the ministry here with His marvelous lovingkindness (Ps. 17:7). While we know that God is looking at faithfulness, and that He is not impressed by numbers—we do believe it best to give you some numbers in this report. By God's grace we arrived in central OR on 7/23/22 and got settled into a house the middle of October 2022. We began personal evangelism right away, and rented a space for Bible Studies in Nov. 2022, and then another place for Sunday Services in Jan. 2023. We had some to come, and the same to go. In Jan., much "behind the scenes" work was done to help get gospel material ready for door to door distribution. We began the focused distribution around Feb. 9, and by Apr. 17 we had reached just under 14,000 homes with John & Romans Scripture Portions and invitations to our opening services. Including the second mailout, we gave out just under 19,000 gospels and invitations. We were barred out of several communities and apartment complexes and ran out of a few as well. Nevertheless, we have sought to warn every man in Redmond (Col. 1:28). Overall, since we arrived, by God's grace and with the help of churches and individuals that have come out to assist in the Lord's work, over 39,000 Scripture seeds have been sown in the area. We were blessed to have two young couples visit with us from the Carolinas the week before the meeting who helped with evangelism, fellowshiped with our family, loved on our children, and then prayed alongside me and preached to this preacher on April 9th, on Resurrection Sunday. The Lord blessed and met with us in the prayer room and in the service.

The opening meetings went well, and the Lord manifested His glorious presence, and Satan manifested His menacing presence. We were blessed to have our Pastor and 14 others from our sending church to come and stay for the week; other churches, families, and individuals came as well—all were a blessing. We had 33 on Sunday morning the 16th and opened with a message concerning God's Hand upon the Church as traced throughout the 7 churches in Rev. 2-3. Brother Rowland of BCPM preached Sunday night on what a healthy church plant looks like from the book of *Acts*. We had a high of 86 on the 17th, and Benjamin exalted Christ crucified, buried, risen, and coming again. On the 18th, satanic opposition reared its ugly head in a man who obviously disagreed as Benjamin preached from *Jude* 1-4, & 24-25 on how the saints are securely preserved in Jesus Christ and will be protected from the Apostasy, yet how we must understand "certain men are crept in unawares." Wolves began to howl before the flock was even gathered!

The Lord gave us a total of 15 guests from the community throughout the 3 nights with a high of 7 guests. We had new visitors each night, and some returning every night. Our first two Sundays at Clearview Baptist Church here in Redmond have had between 10-11 guests from the community and both new folks and returning guests, and we are averaging 21 on Sundays. A family from Northern CA has moved up and are helping us in music as well. The follow up work is progressing, and at times Benjamin spends between 5-6 hours in a home visiting. Several have given testimony of true conversion and evidence a desire for a church where hymns are still sung, and the Word is still preached all under the same roof. There is a definite need for sound doctrine, spiritual instruction, and plain hard work! **Without Him we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5)!**

**OUR REQUESTS: Your prayers enable us and we thank you! Please Pray...**

- For God to be glorified, Christ to be magnified, and saints to be edified.
- For spiritual growth and understanding among those attending.
- **For love to abound more and more in all judgment (Php. 1:9-10).**
- **For hearts to be established unblameably in holiness (1 Thess. 3:12-13).**
- For a strong and healthy church to be self-supporting sooner than later.

**OUR REJOICING:** Thank you for partnering with us and praying for us. Without the faithful obedience from churches and people like you, we could not continue. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15) - **The Cooleys**

