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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 second half of 2023 is well under way, and July is already past and forever gone. Toward the first of the month, we took a trip up into Idaho to visit with a church planter who recently moved out and also to deliver his family some John & Romans Scripture portions for when they begin their evangelism and outreach. At the end of the month, we focused a portion of our outreach in Tumalo. Throughout the whole month, we have sought to follow up in Redmond with some folks who attended for a while, but have quit coming—their disinterest continues. We met up with Buddhists in Tumalo who had no desire to talk of Christ. Others were receptive but gave us no time to witness. Much seed has been sown, and souls have been confronted with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please help us water the seed with tears and with prayer.

We have been seeing new interest in the church from various opportunities where God has opened the door to witness and speak for Christ. From one such witness, we are seeing Mr. N attend regularly now for four weeks. The Mormons are also involved in his life, and we ask you to pray for God's power to be real and evident within his heart that he may be drawn to our Lord Jesus Christ and be born again. We are working toward meeting up for Bible Study with him ourselves that we might win him to Christ with the Word and trust the Holy Spirit to work within his heart—please pray to this end and for his salvation.

Tammy came to us a couple months back through the mutual acquaintance of a pastor in Central Oregon; she is a blessing and rides in with Carrie for Sunday services but has a difficult home situation with the pressure of false teaching from the Mormons being brought against her. Please pray for her to have grace and to be a light in this dark place.

A mother and her daughter have recently attended, and we ask that you would pray for their souls and that God would bring them both under deep conviction of sin and draw them unto Himself. We purpose to see Tony again soon and confront him with the gospel again. He is under the enslaving power of alcohol—pray for full deliverance through the blood of Christ. He certainly needs to be regenerated by the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo runs from Aug. 2-6, and we are working a Gospel Truth Booth with Victory BC in Bend, OR. Please be in prayer for this avenue of outreach to be both effective and to remain open within this environment. It is a tremendous opportunity with the potential to reach thousands of people with the gospel each year.

We were comforted this month by the coming of Brother Drew W.; he is a young preacher from SC, and is a true blessing in our lives. Please pray for him and his wife as they pursue God and His will for their lives.

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

- For the manifested presence of God in our midst in the Church.
- For those attending to have ears to hear and to be sensitive to God's Spirit.
- For a strong and healthy church to be self supporting sooner than later.
- For Jeanette to be born again by God's Spirit; for Raquel & Isabella.

Our Rejoicing: We rejoice in God's gracious care for our family through the churches that support us. I (Benjamin) have had some minor health issues which needed some visits to the doctors, and God is always right on time. We had some extra support come in this month which has enabled us to cover some unplanned expenses. The Lord is so good. We close our letter by saying **Thank You to all of our faithful supporters, who give, who pray, and who love us each and every month, and prove it.** Moreover, we rejoice in the Scriptures—thank God for the Bible! "I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil." (Psalms 119:162)

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