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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 of our supporters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the month of August, we have sought to be faithful as God gives enabling grace. We opened the month working a Gospel Truth Booth with Victory BC in the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo. The Lord gave us grace and power to stand up, inviting folks over to the booth with the intention of sharing the gospel with them. The combined efforts of all the workers over the course of 5 days allowed us all to speak to in some way, between 1800 - 2000 souls. Several of these heard a clear presentation of the gospel, and several New Testaments, John & Romans, gospel pamphlets, booklets, and tracts were also distributed. Please pray for these souls. We personally were able to speak with Ian, Adas, Kyle, and Matthew, and none gave a clear testimony of knowing Christ. Please pray for these young men, that they might be brought under conviction by the Holy Spirit and troubled about their souls and what an eternity in Hell without Christ looks like.

We have continued with canvassing door to door and with evangelism over in Tumalo this month. While there, we came upon a Jewish man and confronted him with the gospel: he quickly refused as soon as we mentioned the name of Jesus Christ. Others we attempted to speak with also refused us the opportunity, and further refused our gospel material. They at least heard the name of our Lord Jesus Christ before we moved on. There is power in His Name, and we are asking God to continue working in the hearts of these who have refused His dear Son.

It was my prayer during this month that the Lord would send me someone who was close to Hell. On a Sunday morning, as we were setting up our meeting place for services, a young man walked into our parking lot and sat down on the curb. We hastened our set up and went down to speak with him. He was reluctant but allowed a few short words and received a tract. After the service, I found the tract on the ground outside, picked it up, and when I raised up, there he was standing before me. I gave it back to him and told him he must have dropped it. This young man asked for help, and we took him to get a meal and spent an hour going over the gospel with him. He would agree and give assent but would never indicate any desire to be saved. We believed the Lord would have us pay for him a hotel room for the night and show him the love of God in action. So we did, and then we gave him a Bible, marked some passages and promised to come back to speak with him on Monday. Things turned bad on Monday, and it turns out this young man is a heroine addict. Please pray for Mr. A., as he rejected Christ on Monday. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." (2 Cor. 5:11). We sought earnestly to lead Mr. A to our Savior, and we sought to persuade him as we know the terror of the Lord which is coming against all unbelievers in a coming day. Please pray for his soul.

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

- For the preeminence of Christ to reign supremely in our church here.
- For those attending to sense that a commitment to Christ is a commitment to the local church.
- For a strong and healthy church to be self supporting sooner than later.
- For Vicki, Hudson, Haven; Tony; Mr. A; Jon (from WA).

Our Rejoicing: I turned 39 on September the 1st and rejoice in yet another year that the Lord has given me to serve Him, and that with my family. I rejoice in a wife and children who love the Lord and love me. Looking back over my years, I can say with the psalmist David, "My times are in thy hand." (Psalms 31:15a). The Lord has watched over me throughout my life, and He has graciously strengthened me this month in spite of some sickness, and the wildfire smoke which has abounded of late. To God be the glory! To God be all the glory!

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