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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 our faithful partners in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We begin this month's report by saying Thank You for the consistent care you provide month after month for our family and for the ministry here. Your care of us and your concern for souls is a reflection of your love for Christ. Does not the Holy Scriptures teach our faith promise missions giving as a proof of our love? Yes, it does — "Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf." (2 Cor. 8:24). Again, my family thanks you for investing in this work. Thank you for all those who communicated with us in some way to say Happy Birthday to me.

The Lord has allowed us to take a couple of trips this month and helped our hearts through His precious people. First, I was privileged to be a part of a Pastors Fellowship at Bonners Ferry BC in Idaho. It allowed me time to fellowship with a friend and brother in Christ, who is church planting in the Wallace, ID area, and then to fellowship with the saints of an established church which is the fruit of God's own hand, and which began coming together when a family moved out to Northern Idaho in 2006. This church stands as a good example of what is possible with God when men follow Him and when families strive together for the faith of the Gospel. To God be the glory.

Our evangelism efforts this month have continued, and we have sowed much seed, but we are either rejected at the door or politely informed of one's lack of interest and indifference to Christ. Thank God for a few conversations that led into the Gospel of Christ. The message of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection is still the mighty power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Rom. 1:16). We seek to present the gospel of Christ, but in the least, we are confronting men with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ when they refuse us (Acts. 4:12). More often than not, we find that everyday, marketplace opportunities allow for a greater witness for our Lord.

The Lord has opened a door for us to begin ministering in a Memory Care Facility where the patients suffer with Dementia, and like problems. It has already allowed us the opportunity to minister the gospel to a few nurses, and we had 12 residents to come out for our first service. It was a blessing to watch their faces and hear them sing "The Old Rugged Cross" and to quote Psalm 23, and **all from Memory!**

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

- For the preeminence of Christ to reign supremely in our church here, and for those attending to sense that a commitment to Christ is a commitment to the local church, and for a strong and healthy church to be self supporting sooner than later.
- For Mr. F, with whom we are meeting and counseling from the Scriptures. Pray for the Spirit of God to reveal the condition of his heart. It is not religion or reformation that saves—but Christ!
- For a situation we are presently dealing with which involves doctrinal errors and fiery darts from the wicked one. We are in a spiritual warfare and desire your fervent prayers.

Our Rejoicing: Hebrews 1:8 says, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Our rejoicing is in our Savior who is enthroned high above this world as Lord and as God! No one will ever overthrow His right to rule. He is my Redeemer! And my Ruler! I bow my knees gladly to Him, and I confess heartily and happily with my tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. With Thomas I say to Christ and of Christ, "...My Lord and my God." (John 20:28).

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