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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 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray each one of you all are well and rejoicing in the Lord. We have so much to be thankful for, and want to express our sincere thanks for our faithful partners in the work that the Lord has called us to do for Him here in central Oregon. Your finances are appreciated, and we do not take it for granted that month after month, even during these inflationary times, you are faithful to give—**Thank You**. Your prayers are also appreciated, and we recognize that without your prayers the work here will be much hindered. **Thank you** for praying for our family and the ministry here.

We are seeing some progress among those attending our services here at Clearview Baptist Church in Redmond. The Lord has given us a nucleus of 16 people including our family. We often receive questions regarding doctrinal and practical matters and are grateful to see folks responding to truth. We are still seeing new visitors, but often they do not return. Perhaps, it is because we strive to please the Lord in our preaching and understand the message should be profitable, but it doesn't have to be palatable. Pray for Ms. S. who has visited for the last two Sundays.

Our soul-winning outreach continues, and we have almost finished with the neighborhood we first canvassed back in January, but this time through we are knocking on doors and seeking to speak with people about their souls. Sadly, those who allow us to speak are rather indifferent. Recently, we have seen the JW's out in the same neighborhood going door to door. This reminds us that the Devil is busy and determined to keep men blinded by false religion. We must press forward with the true gospel of the grace of God! Our services at Brookdale Memory Care also continue, and we are blessed to minister to folks who are often overlooked. We took advantage of the Halloween celebration located in downtown Redmond with Scripture signs and passed out 150 bags filled with candy and gospel tracts. We were not celebrating Halloween, but had a desire to confront the darkness of paganism with the light of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have asked you to help us in prayer for laborers for the harvest, and God has answered this prayer for the work here. The Lord has called Brother Drew Wahnson of Resurrection BC in Cowpens, SC and his family to come out to central Oregon and serve Christ alongside of us and minister here in Redmond. It is our desire once Brother Drew arrives, to begin taking short trips into other towns and areas and saturate these areas with gospel literature and seek to turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God (Acts 26:18). Brother Drew officially began deputation October 1st, and would be happy to come by and present their burden for church planting here in Oregon. **You can reach him at 828-817-4081**. Each time Brother Drew has come out to visit with us, he and his wife have served and ministered and been a comfort to our hearts and a blessing to the work. Please help us in prayer for them as they raise financial and prayerful support. We look forward to serving together and eagerly await their arrival.

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

- For the church plant here to be of a Philadelphian nature and spirit.
- For the salvation of Mr. F, and for hindrances and distractions to be removed.
- For the rental price of our meeting space to remain the same for 2024.
- For the contacts we have made: Tony, Amy; Don; Tyler & Abby; Dan, Cheryl; Zander, Spencer, Mike, Frank & Giovanni; Whitney; Brittney, Roy; Brandi, Braxton, Braden; Nathan; Joan H.; Raquel & Isabella; Vicki, Hudson, Haven; Matthew; Kyle; Phil; Andrew & Michelle.

**Our Rejoicing:** We are rejoicing in the truth that our Saviour is seated at the Father's own right hand in the heavenly places (Eph. 1:20-23). He is far above and soon to return! "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20).

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