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To our Beloved Brethren in Christ,

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OUR REPORT: Greetings to all of our faithful supporters, who stand by us in love, in prayer, and in finances. The year of 2023 is gone forever, and is but a memory! And for this moment, the year of 2024 is before us, and remains an opportunity for service and sacrifice. The words of the Lord through Moses come through with clarity, "...we spend our years as a tale that is told." (Ps. 90:9). How will the story of our lives read when we are reviewed at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

Our desire as we begin the new year is according to the words of *Psalms* 90:17, "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." We are longing for the Lord to settle His beauty upon our lives, our family, our ministry, and for the work here to be established as God sees fit. Our heart's cry is found in *Psalms* 29:2, "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." This is our desire for Clearview Baptist Church; we are longing for the beauty of God's holiness to rest upon the assembly of the saints.

Our burden and thrust as we begin the new year is according to the words of *Ephesians* 5:15-16, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." The days are evil and time is running out! We are pleading with the Lord for souls, for families, for help for hearts and for homes, for growth, for strength, for zeal, for humility, for holiness, for purity, for power, and for so much more. Yet we dare not cherish the gifts and ignore the Giver! We are pleading with God for **Christ's sake**. We are asking for the sake of His name, and His glory, honor and power.

OUR REQUESTS: "Brethren, pray for us." (1 Th. 5:25). **Please Pray...**

- For wisdom as we lead the church plant and trust the Lord to establish it and build it.
- For the church plant to be established with grace; for folks to get under the burden of being a self-supporting church, paying its own bills, supporting its own missionaries, etc.
- For the health of some of our regular folks to improve; for our "off and on" visitors to settle it in their hearts to follow Christ faithfully, or be born again (God knows what they need).
- For the salvation of Mr. F; for the growth of Mr. R, Mr. N, and Mr. B.
- For a homeless man named Josh, that we have befriended and given the gospel. We desire to continue speaking with him, that we might point him to Christ.

OUR REJOICING: We are rejoicing in all that the Lord has done this past year. By God's grace we have been enabled to serve Him another year. Here is a timeline highlighting God's mercy for this ministry: **Early Jan 2023** - Rented a facility and started holding a Sunday morning service in addition to the Wed. night Bible study. Mailed a Gospel EDDM to every residential address in the 97756 zip code (20,634 residences). **Mid Jan 2023** - Began systematically canvassing Redmond with John & Romans/church invites (almost 14,000 doors were reached in person with the help of many of God's saints from several churches). **Early March 2023** - Mailed a second EDDM to the rural houses we did not reach in person with J&R's (5,300 residences), and gave the gospel with a church invite and a emphasis on the 2nd coming of Christ. **Mid April 2023** - Moved to our present location beside the Sleep Inn of Redmond and held our first meetings as Clearview Baptist Church on April 16-18. **June 2023** - Began canvassing in Terrebonne. **July 2023** - Began canvassing in Tumalo. Began a children's choir in CBC. **Aug. 2023** - Clearview BC took on its first missionary to England. **Sep. 2023** - Started a service in Brookdale memory care. **Oct. 2023** - Clearview BC took on its second missionary to Portland, OR. **Nov. & Dec. 2023** - We tarried by the stuff (1 Sam. 30:24)! **Your prayers and financial support for 2023 and all the extra gifts at Christmas Time are appreciated. We Rejoice in the Lord and Thank our God for You all!**

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