

# the Cooleys

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Reaching the  
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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:** We bless the name of the Lord for another month to serve Him. We are striving to move forward in the church plant and recognize that we are yet in the founding phase in this work. Laying a foundation is important work and must be done right. If the foundation is off, the rest of the building is off with it. Therefore, we yet seek to ground those who come regular and reach out with evangelistic appeals to our visitors.

The Lord has blessed as two churches have taken on the church-plant itself for financial support. This is a blessing, and we keep the necessity of being both indigenous and autonomous before the congregation regularly. We continue in our Sunday afternoon services teaching on different areas of church doctrine, administration, order, decency, and responsibility. There is a lot of ground that we need to gain in these areas—would you please help us pray for a truly indigenous church which can stand on its own two feet, under the headship of Jesus Christ, and Biblically recognize pastoral authority and the commitment of membership? The Lord has also blessed and answered prayers by giving us the first 6 months rental of 2024 for our meeting space at the same price. This is a direct answer to all of our prayers, including yours—Praise His name, and thank you for praying!

We have been met with a few challenges this month as well. We ministered in the Brookdale Memory Care center amidst widespread sickness, yet the 3 of us who hold the services there have remained well. Some of our folks have experienced much car trouble, and we had one of the older saints to have a stroke on Thanksgiving night. We strive to care for the flock in these different situations and desire your prayers for us as we seek to shepherd those entrusted to our care. We yet experience negative reactions as we go door to door, but this is to be expected and is minimal. Outreach continues presently in Redmond and Tumalo, and wherever the day may take us as we live our lives here in central Oregon. We are working on building a relationship with three men at this current time and have met for Bible studies with one, although many hindrances have prevented them all this month. Please continue in prayer for this ministry—we desire a true, Biblical and spiritual church to be **firmly** planted here for God's glory and the gospel's sake. It will not happen apart from prayer and the power of God. **"Brethren, pray for us."** (1 Th. 5:25).

## **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 growth of Mr. R and Mr. N, and that they will remain open.

**OUR REJOICING:** "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Php. 1:3-6). We thank God for each of you, and also for our glorious position in Christ, and His performance in us. We are His workmanship! A special thank you for each church and individual which have sent in extra during this time of year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and carefulness in giving is a blessing and sustains us each and every month. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. We remain your messengers in Central Oregon.

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