



# The Cooleys

Ben & Carrie

Noah, Elsie, & Emma

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 fellowship of the Gospel. You will notice an updated letterhead with a current photo of our family. We have been on the field here in Oregon since July 23, 2022 and did not realize how much the children have grown. This year will mark 14 years of marriage for Carrie and I, if God permits us to live until March the 5th. I am thankful for the home and family the Lord has given me; they are a blessing to my life and to the ministry here. The children are growing so fast; Noah is 11 years old, Elsie is 8, and Emma is 5. We are all doing well and God's grace sustains us day by day.

Our present focus in the ministry here is that of laying the foundation of Clearview Baptist Church (1 Cor. 3:10). We know and are persuaded that the Rock upon which we stand, and upon which the church is built is our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20)! By God's grace and for Christ's glory we have been teaching through the doctrinal statement since May of last year, and taking time to allow for questions and answer questions. We have sought to be thorough here and are opening the doors of the church in February to receive members into watch-care from among those who have been faithful to attend the Sunday afternoon times where we have studied through the doctrine and bylaws of the church. We still have some ground to cover, some folks need to be baptized, and we still need to meet privately with some to ensure everyone is in full agreement with the church's stand and doctrine. We must be perfectly joined together, of the same mind, and of the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10). Lord willing, we will have a charter Sunday in April and enter into a covenant of membership one with another. It will be a blessing for my pastor from TN to come out for this service. The church is not self-supporting as of yet, but we do have the Lord's leadership to bring these believers together into a covenant and are trusting for God's blessings upon this step in the church-plant.

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

- For our family to be found faithful and our children to all be saved, sanctified, and serving.
- For our evangelistic efforts in Redmond, and plans to spread the gospel further north this year.
- For these closing days before the charter Sunday, and for a Missions Revival in March.
- For the many spiritual and physical health needs among the flock here.
- For Mr. F, who is struggling with trusting Christ for salvation; for the growth of Mr. N.
- For a homeless man named Josh, who needs to be saved.
- For grace to be able to help in some way in some new church plants this year in both Portland, OR & Idaho.

**OUR REJOICING:** We want to say **thank you** to those who sent in Christmas offerings in early January, and **thank you** to everyone who reaches out to ask how we are doing. Many of you send cards, write letters, text, call, or email—thank you for remembering us. We are also **thankful** for the friends the Lord has given us here in the state of Oregon. Without the faithful prayers and partnership of our supporters—we would not be able to stay and to serve here in Central Oregon—**Thank you!** We rejoice in the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is coming soon! We are looking for "that blessed hope" and His glorious appearing! With the Apostle John we say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Rev. 22:20c-21).

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