



the Cooleys

Laboring in Oregon

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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: The first quarter of 2024 is already behind us, and our nation continues to turn its back against God and righteousness. We do feel the darkness of this world thickening as evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Yet we know the greater the darkness, the greater visibility and impact the light will have. We remain committed to getting the truth of the gospel out—seed is being sown. Our evangelistic efforts have yet to yield much by way of results, but we know that “...we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.” (2 Cor. 2:15-17). We have been preaching the Gospel of the Grace of God both within the assembly and in the world, and have been met with not a little opposition. **Please continue to pray as we are asking the Lord to give the increase.** The Lord is working in hearts as we declare the twin necessities of **repentance and faith**, where man’s response to God is concerned. **Please continue to pray** for those attending and those we are reaching out to. We have begun discipling Mr. N and **ask for your prayers** for him. We continue our witness to Mr. F and **ask for your prayers** for him. We **ask you to pray** for Mr. L, who is blindly lost and without Christ, as he clings to the Native American Indian way. **PRAYER IS A MUST!**

The Lord led me to take our family back to the East for a brief visit due to the failing health of Carrie’s grandmother. We were able to get back to see her for a couple of days before she passed several days later. We rejoice that she was a believer, and the Lord Jesus Christ was her hope of salvation. We went a little further south and spent a week in TN visiting with family and our home church. It was a blessing to see everyone and while the drive there and back allowed for little rest, we were able to relax and rest for a week in TN. We were able to preach twice in that week and update one of our supporting churches while there.

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

- For our family to be found sincere and without offence till the day of Jesus Christ.
- For our evangelistic efforts in Redmond, and plans to spread the gospel further north this year.
- For the salvation of a homeless man named Josh, and for the many who have rejected the truth.
- For a Bible/Gospel distribution project in various Homeless areas.

OUR REJOICING: We rejoice in the victory of our Lord’s resurrection. We anticipate when that saying shall be brought to pass: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” We are expectantly waiting to shout the victor’s cry as we are raptured up and away to ever be with our Lord in the air, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” We do have the victory in Jesus Christ our Lord! **Again, we can never say it too often—Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our family and the ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus! Truly, we are laborers together with God. You are holding the ropes, and your involvement is helping to shine the light of the gospel here in Oregon. Maranatha!**

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