To our Beloved Brethren in Christ.

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Our Report: Greetings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know from Scripture that we have been in the last days since the apostolic days (Acts 2:16-21). Knowing this, we understand that the hope of 1st century Christians is yet the hope of 21st century Christians – the blessed hope (Ti. 2:13)! We write this to report that the Lord has led me to begin preaching through the book of the Revelation to our small congregation which meets on Sundays. We have already experienced God's blessing in our midst as promised (Rev. 1:3). No one has been saved yet during this series, but some have been stirred! It is a blessing to see wet eyes and altar response. To God be the glory! I also write to request that you pray for my studies and for God's truth to have free course in my personal life and in our pastoral ministry. God's blessings are always found in the study, but spiritual battles abound! The Devil attacks our faith when seeking God and preparing to bring a Word from God to the saints. The Devil attacks our hope when standing and proclaiming that Word to the saints. The Devil also attacks our charity, as we reach out and give, and yet are rejected repeatedly. Marvel not brethren, the world hated Christ, and they will hate us too. There is victory found in Christ, for greater is He that is within us (1 Jn. 4:4)! We have an anchor within the veil! Would you please pray that the Word of the Lord would have free course here, and be glorified, as it is with you there (2 Th. 3:1)?

It was a blessing to have Brother Drew W. with us for a week and this gave us greater opportunities for evangelism: to have a like-minded man beside you is a blessing. We took advantage of this and took a trip up to Portland to canvass for a new church-plant starting this first week of May. We found ourselves in a Orthodox Jewish community, and through intimidation, they sought to stop us from distributing the gospel. After completing our work there, we went on to a series of condos, and met a man who was very hostile to the gospel. He eventually followed us all of the way to the truck with threats and curses. **People need the Lord! Please pray for this Jewish community and for Zachary.** The Lord enabled us to penetrate a homeless area and drop off supplies and bibles/gospel literature also this month. During this outreach, Brother David and I were able to personally give out Bibles to around 21 homeless individuals. An elderly man (Stan) passed away last week in the Brookdale Memory Care Facility where we minister bi-weekly. God had us there just minutes before he passed and we gave him the gospel and urged him to repent and trust Christ (nurses were also present hearing God's Word). He showed no apparent cognizance, and never has since we have known him. **Only God knows if he is in Heaven or Hell: souls are slipping into eternity! Please pray for the family. and for the nurses in the facility.** Mr. F has, as far as we can tell, rejected the truth of the gospel, and no longer wants to meet. Mr. N needs your prayers as he is working through some struggles, but desires to grow in grace and have a closer walk with the Lord.

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 the salvation of many homeless: Josh, Nathan, Jennifer, Claudia, Marlin, Jacob, Robin, & Jeanette.

<u>Our Rejoicing</u>: We rejoice in the faithfulness of God, who enables YOU! Thank you for standing with us in your prayers and support of the Lord's work here in Oregon! Many have reached out to me personally recently to let me know you are praying for me, my family, and the ministry here—Thank you all and God bless you all. The Lord has made you a blessing in this preacher's life. Our family seeks to be under His mighty hand. Truly, it is the only safe place to be. We love Him because he first loved us, and our rejoicing is in our Lord Jesus Christ. - The Cooleys