

To all our Brethren in Christ,

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Our REPORT: Maranatha to God's dear saints! Jesus our Lord is coming again! Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ throughout this year. Thank you for praying for us and giving financially for the support of the ministry here in Oregon. The Lord led us to leave off from our canvassing with John & Romans in Madras for now, and we have been working in Culver. This is a much smaller community with several hundred homes and a population of around 1,700. We have been able to speak with several people, and are mostly met with indifference toward God and the gospel. One elderly lady, refused to speak with us and replied that she had enough of the Bible to do her for more than her lifetime. We do thank the Lord for the 3 or 4 positive responses. We continue spreading the seed of God's Word in our area and ask you to pray for God's help in these days.

We praise the Lord for another 6 months use of the property where we are meeting and holding services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our monthly cost averages out to \$2250, or \$70 an hour (we have to rent it by the hour). We are thankful for a couple of churches that send a check monthly to the church to help toward paying the rent, and for another church which plans to pay for the majority of one month's rent. We do not have the building all month, as it is a meeting space open to whoever wants to rent it (with certain requirements and restrictions of course). We know the Lord provided us with the space and we have a good relationship with the hotel staff which manages the space; however, it is not without its troubles and hassles at times. Just this month, I was forced to stop preaching and had to step out of the sanctuary, to find a man going through the closet and making all kinds of noise. He was not particularly pleased for me to approach him and tell him to stop. Neither would he agree to join the service; so, we gave him a bible, and some food and water. Within minutes of resuming the service and picking up where I left off preaching—it happened again. This time I had two men to deal with as one of his friends joined him and they were walking around upstairs, and all while we were trying to assemble for worship and edification. The incident was a little unnerving for some of our folks. Please ask the Lord for continued grace despite such interruptions.

Our Requests: "Brethren, pray for us." (1 Th. 5:25). Please PRAY...

- For the Lord's will to be done in all things; for God's manifested glory in the church here by Christ Jesus.
- For people's hearts to be opened like Lydia's (Acts 16:14), and to be illuminated (Heb. 10:32).
- For the salvation of John, Tessa, Tina, Mr. B, Mr. F, Mr. R., Miss. K, Dan, Tony, June, Tom, Mike, Mr. A, Miss R, Mr. N, for a married couple, and for the little ones.
 - For the fruit of God's Spirit to be manifested in us and in the church here.

OUR REJOICING: Philippians 1:21 says, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." This life is but a vapor (Jam. 4:14); yet, in the brevity of our days, we can experience a full life and know the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 2:14). We rejoice in the life God has given us through Jesus Christ, and in our present victory, in and through our blessed Lord and Savior. **Godspeed - The Cooleys**