



The Cooleys

Laboring in Oregon

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Brethren, pray for us. *1 Thessalonians 5:25*



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To all our Brethren in Christ,

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OUR REPORT: Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the Lord's mercies as we begin another year in His service. We had no disturbances or interruptions during our services in January—thank you for praying about this. Ministry this month has continued but with many hindrances. We certainly do not mean to enlarge something beyond what it is, but we have seen sickness, sorrow, and suffering on every hand. The seasonal flu struck our family fairly hard, and sickness of some sort struck the flock; all of January was somehow affected by sickness. As we went in to minister at the Brookdale Facility, we inquired where several of the residents were, and were informed that 5 of them had passed away from the various viruses. In less than a month, 5 more souls went into eternity that we personally knew. Three of the ladies attended our bi-weekly service and had a good profession of salvation. It seems that we are in a place of ministry there, which is seeing many leave this life. Please pray for their understanding and for our time there to be Spirit-filled and effectual. Thus far, we are not being contacted for any funerals, and ask you to pray for the Lord's will in this; this would be another opportunity for the gospel.

We have again been phoned and threatened with police involvement for leaving material on someone's door knob. While checking emails on a Monday morning, we learned of a nearby pastor whose house caught fire and who is now displaced. While travelling to our midweek service we were struck by a deer and our van is now in the repair shop. There are many adversaries to, and many opportunities for the gospel. Everything is in our Lord's hands and we just ask you to continue to pray for God's power to rest upon His servants in Oregon, and for free course for the Word.

We want to highlight an instance this past month where we were able to witness to a Barber who was apparently just in the area these last few months, and has moved on. The conversation was awkward, and at times even strange, but the seed of Scripture was sown on three occasions. Now, that chair is empty and a new Barber is in the shop. We never know how long or how little someone will be before us—we must redeem the time and therefore speak a word, hand a tract, give a gospel witness, and honor Christ in everything. Please be in prayer for Mr. A.

We have had some visitors recently who came with hard questions: we gave them God's truth in the matter and ask you to pray for their hearts to be receptive to the Word of God. The Lord has given us a ministry of warning here in central Oregon, and it often goes unheeded. Please pray for the warnings to be understood and for men to repent and be recovered from the snare of the devil.

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, a mother and her daughter, and for the little ones.
- For the fruit of God's Spirit to be manifested in our lives. For the present preaching series in Philippians.

OUR REJOICING: Psalms 1:1 — "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." We rejoice this month in the precious word of the Lord—our beloved King James Bible—and in particular, the book of the Psalms. The psalms have been a significant source of strength and encouragement to our hearts for sometime now, and we thank God for the ability of His Word!

Godspeed - The Cooleys