

April 30, 2022



Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

Spring in the Rogue Valley brought a beautiful mix of rain in the valley and snow to the mountains. The moderate temperatures keep the valley comfortable and the mountains snow-capped. The heavens declare the glory of God, and so does the rest of God's creation.

Ministry—We continue to meet every other Saturday for church-wide canvassing. Since January, we have covered close to 10% of the households in Medford. The church folks have been faithful, for which we are thankful.

Earlier this month Medford held its annual Pear Blossom Festival. Being relatively new to the area, I didn't realize how big of an event this is. On that Saturday afternoon, we had several of our men stand at various street corners to pass out tracts, while others of us went into the commons area to pass out tracts. Even though Southern Oregon is more conservative than what we are used to, it is still the world, and people are still lost. My heart swelled with compassion as we told people that the tracts explain the good news from the Bible on how they can have eternal life. One of our men, who is on the quiet side, told me the next day that as he was passing out tracts, he realized, "I can do this." He was so happy about it. I was thrilled.

Missions Conference—This past week our sending church, Bethel Baptist Church, hosted its Missions Conference. Our family traveled down to El Sobrante, CA to take part in the services. What a blessing it was to see the folks again and to fellowship around the things of the Lord. The preaching both encouraged and instructed. We were also strengthened in hearing reports from other missionaries/church planters about the progress in their ministries. A common theme—church planting is slow and steady. Keep your hand to the plow.

Evangelism—We thank the Lord for opportunities to preach the gospel and for good contacts. At the Conference I asked the folks to pray for open doors of utterance in preaching the gospel. The Lord answers prayer! Today while Cathy, Victoria, and I were out door-to-door evangelizing, we had an hour-long conversation with an older LDS couple. We were able to preach the gospel to them, and we have an opportunity to go back for a follow-up conversation. The Lord wants to save people. Praise His name for His longsuffering, love, and work in people's lives.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We thank the Lord for what He is doing here. Let me encourage you to be *"steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

Sincerely in Christ,

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