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Dear Friends and Supporting Churches,

Peter wrote, "*For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls*" (I Pet. 2:25). Lost sheep, without Guide and Overseer, without spiritual protection and nourishment, and without spiritual authority and wisdom, that is what we were before salvation. But praise the Lord, in salvation we are now returned to the One who healed us by His stripes, to live unto righteousness for His glory, under His authority and His direction.

The last week of 2025 we finished canvassing Medford, and we have since begun covering Central Point. We thank the Lord for the faithfulness of our church folks to aid in this work of the ministry. I am also thankful for the spiritual conversations our folks are having with co-workers, friends, and relatives. One of our men, **Carlos**, has been talking to a friend, **Nate**, from high school. Nate came to church for the first time four weeks ago and has come several times since. He and I have also been meeting on Monday's to talk about salvation. I am meeting with **Joseph** on Wednesdays. Please pray that the Lord would give me wisdom and discernment in working with both of these men.

Last Sunday morning, another **Nate** came to church. Two different people recommended him to our church. Come to find out, his mom lives three houses down from our house! He professes salvation. It is too soon to tell how this will work out, but I am thankful for the opportunity to minister to him. We have prayed that the Lord would give us more men and that at least one family would be added to the church this year. I praise the Lord that He is opening doors to work with men.

Thank you for praying for us and for your financial support. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for 2026. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:20-21: "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen*." God bless you, my brethren.

Sincerely,

Dave Sutton