



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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This month has been a wonderful season of deputation for us. It was encouraging to have the opportunity of witnessing to several people recently. We praise the Lord that four of them made a profession of faith in Christ for salvation. Please pray that these babes in Christ will submit to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to continue to work in their lives.

Though South Korea is a secular nation with Buddhism and Atheism making up the two largest religious groups, this was not always the case. One hundred years ago, Shamanism (also known as Muism/무교) was the dominate religion of the Korean people. This demonic religious system is thousands of years old. It emphasizes harmony with nature through the appeasement of certain spirits and gods. The practice of Shamanism greatly diminished as Korea began to modernize; however, it is seeing somewhat of a resurgence today as fortune-tellers are again becoming popular in Korea. Some who consider themselves Atheist, Buddhist, Catholic, or even Protestant are still influenced by Shamanistic superstitions.



I specifically remember an encounter with Shamanism while we ministered in Korea. As I was walking through our small city, I passed by the house of a Mudang/무당 (or a shaman: someone who "communicates" with the spirit realm). The front gate was open and by the doorstep there was an offering of fruit and vegetables for the spirits. From inside came a sound that sent chills down my spine. The Mudang was chanting passionately while banging on drums and ringing bells. As I stopped to listen to the screeching, it became evident that the woman was a committed spiritist. Sadly, there remains a number of individuals, such as this one, that continue to follow after the false gods of ancient folk religions. So many different people in Korea need to hear the Gospel before it is eternally too late. We greatly desire to be used of the Lord to see Koreans from every religious background come to Christ for salvation.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. We count it an honor to be your missionaries. We are overwhelmed by how the Lord provides for our needs. Our current support level is now 45% and we look forward to arriving in Korea next year in the Lord's timing.

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