



Dear Faithful Prayer and Financial Supporters,

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Greetings from the deputation trail! We hope you all are doing well and enjoying some beautiful spring weather. We are continually amazed at how the Lord guides us and provides for our needs. Though we are truly enjoying this season of our lives, we are very excited as we draw closer to our departure for Korea. Our current support level is 77%!



The city of Busan, where the Lord has called us to minister, is a densely packed metropolis of 3.6 million Koreans. This city is divided into fifteen districts called *gu* (구) which are made up of several smaller divisions called *dong* (동). Even though they are small in size, most *dongs* have thousands of residents housed compactly in apartment homes. One of the more well known *dongs* of Busan is called the Gamcheon Culture Village (감천문화마을). It is a collection of hundreds of colorful houses on a hillside with spider-web like streets, stairs, and alleyways. This neighborhood traces its history back to the time immediately following World War II. As communists were allowed to take control of North Korea by the Allied Powers, many North Koreans escaped to the South. Most of them had hopes of



returning home at the conclusion of the Korean War, but because of the stalemate they had to settle in South Korea. Many of these refugees came to Busan with almost nothing. They were relegated to the edge of the city where they built makeshift shanties. As time went on, a Korean religious cult called *Taegukdo* (태극도) built a temple there and proselytized many of the residents by helping them build better houses. The resulting neighborhood, *Gamcheon Dong* (감천동), is a very fascinating agglomeration of small homes each with a view of the sea.



When we visited this location (as pictured), we enjoyed the quaint and beautiful setting. We were saddened, however, as we contemplated the fact that nearly all 10,000 Koreans who live in this *dong* will die without the Lord Jesus Christ and spend eternity separated from God in fiery torment. These dear people (along with the residents of other *dongs*) desperately need an opportunity to hear the Gospel. We want to "infiltrate" Busan neighborhoods like this one by engaging the residents with the Gospel of Christ through personal witnessing and the distribution of detailed Gospel tracts.

The harvest truly is plenteous, both overseas and here all around us. As we prepare to leave for our mission field, we are grateful for opportunities we had to present the Gospel to several people last month. Please continue to pray with us for the healthy delivery of our baby in July, for our Korean visa process to run smoothly, and that the Lord would use us mightily in Korea for His honor and glory. Thank you so much for your continual prayer and financial support. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!



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