



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We hope this letter finds you well and abounding in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as you serve Him. This past month was a profitable time of ministry for our family. We are so blessed to see the Lord at work in our lives. Learning the Korean language is one of our most important tasks at this time. Recently, I was able to complete my second semester of university Korean language study and was surprisingly recognized for having the highest score of my class. I graduated from level two and will begin level three next week. Sarah continues to improve in her language proficiency as well. Even our little daughter JoAnn has started learning Korean. Her first spoken word was the Korean word for "daddy" (아빠)! Though we still have a great deal to learn, we are grateful for the progress that the Lord has allowed us to make. Thank you for praying for us as we learn Korean!

This last month there were two major Buddhist events here in Busan. The Lotus Lantern Festival (부산 연등 축제) was held two weeks ago. In spite of rain showers, this festival drew more than 10,000 people who participated in the Buddhist ceremony and parade. It was informative and sobering to observe this event as we saw so many blinded by false religion. Without coming to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, these precious souls will experience eternal damnation. Before and after the event, the Lord allowed our family to distribute a good number of our "What is most important?" Gospel tracts along the parade route to participants and observers. We initially thought perhaps hardly anyone would receive the tracts, but we were pleasantly surprised when many people did. We believe that the Lord was at work that night, answering our prayers.



The second event, Buddha's Birthday (부처님 오신날), took place last week. With more than one million residents here in Busan identifying as Buddhist, this national holiday was a major celebration in our city. We observed many thousands of lost souls visiting a large temple not far from our home. These people were performing Buddhist rituals, giving offerings, reciting prayers, and bowing before statues. Parents and grandparents were explaining Buddhist teachings to their children. We were so saddened by their spiritual blindness and ignorance of the truth. After observing the throngs of lost souls, we went to a nearby street where the Lord allowed us to distribute many of our Gospel tracts to those that were leaving the temple. Again, we expected a poor and perhaps even hostile reception, but the Lord answered our prayers. While some folks refused, many more did receive a thorough Gospel tract that afternoon.

We are grateful to have been used to briefly shine the light of the Gospel in a spiritually dark place. It is our desire that these people would fall under conviction and then turn from their idols to the True and Living God. We ask that you would continue to pray with us for souls to be saved as we seek to communicate the true Gospel of Christ to the Korean people.

We are so grateful for your faithful prayer and financial investment in the ministry that the Lord has called us to. It is our privilege to be partnered with you so that the true Gospel can go forth here in Busan, Korea. May the Lord bless and use you all greatly as you serve Him!

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