



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings! Last month was a productive month of ministry here in Busan, Korea. We are so grateful for how the Lord continues to teach and equip us for the work that He has called us to do. We have seen some improvement in our ability to communicate in the Korean language. While I have been preaching a short salvation message in Korean in Junior Church for the past several weeks, I had been relying on a translator to teach the main Bible lesson (a series on Genesis). However, last week, the brother who translates for me was out of town. Though I was nervous, by the grace of God, I was able to preach my first full-length sermon in Korean. The children listened intently and answered many questions about the lesson. It was quite exciting!

We have found that most Korean people we meet when we distribute Gospel tracts are not interested in discussing spiritual things. However,

while distributing Gospel tracts recently as a family (in one of the prospective areas for our first church-plant), four high-school boys who received tracts allowed me to take a few minutes and share the Gospel with them in Korean. Though I wanted to give a much more thorough presentation than I was able to, it was a blessing to have had the opportunity to communicate the truth to them in Korean without a translator. Thank you for continuing to pray for our Korean language studies. We praise the Lord for allowing us to make some progress towards proficiency.



This month, the national holiday "Buddha's Birthday" will be observed. Approximately 40% of our city's population is Buddhist. There are hundreds of temples in our city ranging in size from very small to very large. In preparation for the celebration, colorful lanterns line the city streets. At night, temples are packed with the more devout Buddhists. To those of us who have been gloriously saved, a false religion like Buddhism rightly seems so foolish, yet this religion is a crafty satanic deception. In practice, Korean Buddhism is an experiential religion. Ancient tradition, impressive temples, ornate statues, fascinating narratives, intriguing chants, and numerous rituals are combined to give the Buddhist practitioner an emotionally compelling sensory experience. It is no wonder then that Buddhist people in Korea are (from a human perspective) very hard to reach with the

Gospel. We know, however, that our Lord can save even the most committed Buddhist. Please pray that the Lord would use us to lead Korean Buddhists to Christ for salvation.

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!

In Christ,

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