



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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One of the most interesting and enjoyable aspects of our life as missionaries is to watch our precious daughter, JoAnn, grow up here in Korea. Last week, we had a wonderful time together celebrating her second birthday. JoAnn has spent all but two months of her life outside of her birth country. Her experiences here are so different from the ones her parents had growing up in the United States. She happily eats foods that many Americans would probably not want to taste, and on most days we are the only non-Koreans that JoAnn sees. When we go out together as a family, people often stop us wanting to pinch her cheeks and say hello. Though at times all of this attention can be a challenge to deal with, the Lord has used it to open some doors for the communication of the Gospel. As JoAnn's Korean vocabulary expands, she is finding most Korean kids her age to be amiable and is learning

how to make friends at local parks. Last Sunday, she attended Sunday School for the first time and sat very still during the lesson. Later on, she listened intently as I preached in Korean during Junior Church. The Lord has entrusted us with a precious gift. We certainly need His guidance and protection as we seek to raise JoAnn for the Lord. Please continue to pray for her as she grows up as a missionary kid!



Korea's economy boomed, the hastily built shacks were replaced with small concrete houses. Today these historic areas are still densely populated, jam-packed neighborhoods with spider web-like alleyways filled with souls that must be engaged with the true Gospel. As I was distributing Gospel tracts in one of these neighborhoods recently, on one particular street I counted no less than twenty-nine houses of shamanism (무속 - Musok, Korean Folk Religion). People come to these houses of witchcraft and pay for fortune telling and other occult services. Though a handful of people did receive a Gospel tract that day, I felt that the residents of this neighborhood were especially closed to the truth. The reality is that there are several factors (culture, false religion, tradition, etc.) that contribute to Korean people



being generally difficult to reach from a human perspective. If we focus on what we can accomplish through our own abilities, we will be discouraged. Instead, we must remember that the Lord of the Harvest desires for these precious souls to be saved. The Holy Spirit of God can convict even the coldest heart! We are not responsible for the response we encounter; yet we are responsible to be fervent, Christ-like communicators of the truth. Regardless of the reception that we may experience, it is our wonderful privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility to preach the glorious Gospel of Christ here in Busan, Korea. We are so grateful to be partnered with you as we continue to learn the Korean language, seek to present the Gospel, and prepare to plant our first church. May the Lord bless you all as you serve Him!



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