



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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The Apostle Paul testified by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;" (I Timothy 1:12). Though it hardly seems possible that time could have passed this quickly, it has been two years since we arrived here in our mission field of Busan, South Korea. We are keenly aware of our own unworthiness, yet we (like the Apostle Paul) are so grateful to have been put into the Gospel-preaching, church-planting ministry by our Lord. We look back over the past two years and wish that more could have been accomplished, yet we are so thankful for how our Lord has protected, guided, and enabled us.

While there is still much progress to be made, one very important goal has been reached recently. Last Wednesday evening, by the grace of God, I preached my first sermon in Korean (without a translator) for adults in the Wednesday evening service. After much preparation and practice, I delivered a sermon on the necessity of

following our Lord Jesus Christ as His true disciple from Matthew 16:24-25. Those that listened later reported that they were able to understand the sermon with minimal difficulty. It was a great encouragement to see the Lord bless diligent language study in this way. I am so grateful to the veteran national pastor (Pastor Kim Hee Ok) and assistant pastor (Pastor Kim Jung Shik) who have invested so much in us and our future ministry. They are patiently helping me learn how to preach, witness, and minister properly in the Korean language. With their help, I look forward to developing my Korean preaching ability over the coming months as our family continues to prepare for the task of starting our first church. Thank you so much for praying for us as we learn Korean! We praise the Lord for enabling us to reach this important milestone on our journey towards proficiency.



Last month, the *Chuseok* harvest holiday was observed in Korea. This major three-day holiday is a festive time when millions of Koreans travel to their hometowns and visit extended family. While many engage in ancestor worship and shamanistic traditions, *Chuseok* can be observed without those sinful practices. Our family enjoyed going to an open market, cooking traditional food at home, and eating some delicious rice cakes.

We praise the Lord for keeping us safe last week when a typhoon passed through Busan. The high winds and heavy rain caused the death of one elderly woman when her house collapsed due to the dangerous storm. Though we were thoroughly soaked on our way to church in the heavy rain and high winds, we are thankful that our house was not damaged.

The Lord again allowed our family to distribute hundreds of Gospel tracts last month. One lady, who received a tract from my wife, contacted us and we were able to share the Gospel with her by text message. We are committed to faithfully sowing the seed and trusting the Lord to "give the increase" in His time.

A new Buddhist Temple recently opened only two blocks from our home, giving us another sober reminder of the great need for the Gospel to be communicated here in Busan. At night, colorful lanterns illuminate the exterior of the temple and there are signs inviting people to come inside. So many souls in our city are blinded by Buddhism and other false religions. Thank you so much for faithfully praying and supporting us as we seek to communicate the true Gospel to the 3.5 million Koreans in Busan, South Korea.

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