



# THE *Brown Family* MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH KOREA

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Corinthians 4:5*

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. There are certainly many reasons to praise and thank the Lord. It is only by God's grace that we are able to serve Him. We are so grateful that our Lord allows us to be His missionaries in Busan, South Korea.

Here in Korea, it is the *kimchi* making season. This is a time when ladies engage in the laborious duty of making *kimchi* for the upcoming year. *Kimchi* is very important to Korean people. This spicy fermented cabbage is eaten at almost every meal. Last week our downstairs neighbors kindly shared some of the *kimchi* they made with us. As we continue to develop a relationship with them, we are praying that the Lord would use us to lead this precious family to Christ.



Recently, I had an interesting conversation with an elderly taxi driver. He was quite talkative and shared his life story with us. He spoke of how proud he was of the progress his country had made since the difficult days following the Korean War, yet he expressed worry about the prospects of a bleak future. The symbols that were displayed in his car indicated that he was Buddhist. Though I was not able to witness to him before we arrived at our destination, I was able to introduce our thorough Gospel tract "What is most important?" to him which he readily received. The masses of people that live in our city are comprised of individuals like this dear man, each with his own unique story. We continue to sow the seed of the Word of God and pray that the Lord would use us to bring souls to Him.

We praise the Lord for the opportunities He gave us to personally share the Gospel (in Korean) this last month. While distributing Gospel tracts, I met two teenage boys whom I was able to engage in conversation. The Lord helped me to briefly but clearly communicate the Gospel to them. Though I wish I could have spent more time thoroughly explaining the truth, I am grateful that the Lord allowed me this opportunity. On another

occasion, while our family was riding the subway home after a time of Gospel tract distribution, a well-dressed man struck up a conversation with us. The man was visiting Busan from Seoul on business. He asked us about our life in Korea, and I explained that we were Independent Baptist Missionaries. As we were about to part ways, I gave him a Gospel tract and encouraged him to read it. He then began to tell of his own belief in a very bizarre indigenous Korean religion that combines elements of ancient Korean history, Korean mythology, and Shamanism. Just as most Koreans from other religious backgrounds would, he firmly stated that he did not accept the authority of the Bible. After listening to him explain his beliefs, the Lord enabled me to briefly yet clearly present the Gospel to him before we parted ways on friendly terms. I was grateful that the Lord opened this door of opportunity for the Gospel to be communicated. At this stage of our ministry, due to our current level of proficiency in Korean and the fact that most Koreans are unwilling to discuss spiritual matters with a stranger, these opportunities are somewhat rare. We continue to seek the Lord's guidance and enabling as we work to communicate the Gospel of Christ here in Busan, Korea. Thank you for praying for us!

We continue in our commitment to gain proficiency in the Korean language. Sarah will take a Korean exam this week. In addition to our regular junior church ministry, I was able to preach my third Korean sermon for adults last Wednesday night. I am grateful for all the valuable instruction that I am receiving from the pastor and the assistant pastor of the church we

are serving in during this season of preparation for the task of starting our first church. I take each opportunity to preach seriously, yet I am so grateful for the patience that the dear saints of our church have shown me while I learn how to preach the Word of God in Korean. I still have much to learn! Our family continues to develop longterm relationships with several people with the goal of leading them to Christ. We need the Lord's wisdom and His enabling as we seek for the right opportunities to share the Gospel with those whom we have built a relationship with. One lesson that we are learning here on the mission field is how much we must depend on the Lord. We certainly are responsible to serve the Lord diligently; yet if He does not bless our labors, all will be in vain. Thank you so very much for your faithful investment in the ministry that the Lord has called us to. We are honored to be partnered with you so that Koreans here in Busan may come to a knowledge of the truth for the Lord's honor and glory. May the Lord bless you all!

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