



# 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,

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Happy New Year! While it seems like last year passed by so quickly, we are very grateful for what our Lord has taught us and how He used us in 2019. Though it is hard to believe, the year 2020 has arrived! We certainly do not know all that the new year holds; yet, we are excited about what the Lord will do through our family as we seek to communicate the Gospel to the Korean people and prepare for the task of starting our first church.



Last Sunday, in our family's Junior Church ministry, we finished teaching a year-long overview of the major events recorded in the Scriptures. It has been a joy to watch the children increase in their comprehension of important Bible truths. We desire that each of these children would grow up to be a faithful servant of the Lord.

Two weeks ago I had the privilege of going with my friend, Assistant Pastor Kim Jung Shik, to make a special visit. We met a man by appointment at his place of business on the western edge of Busan. The man greeted us on the second floor of his building and led us toward his private office. As we passed by his staff's office cubicles, the employees stood and bowed to us. Though he was polite, the atmosphere inside the man's plush office was a bit formal due to his status as a company owner. As Assistant Pastor Kim began to share the truth of the Gospel with him, it became evident that this "non-religious" man's opinion of the Bible was colored by the poor testimony of unbiblical "Christianity." While not receptive to the truth that day, he did respectfully listen to a clear presentation of the Gospel. Before leaving, we were able to present him with a Bible as well as give him one of

our thorough Gospel tracts. Though my role was that of silent partner in this somewhat delicate situation, I was glad to not only have a part in communicating the Gospel to this man, but also to have the opportunity to experience this aspect of ministry in Korea. Even though they may be initially closed to the truth, people like this man are just the ones we must seek to reach for our Lord Jesus Christ.



Last week, I was put in contact with a person who expressed interest in learning more about the Bible, and I was able to meet him last Saturday for a Bible study. We had an engaging conversation that lasted nearly three hours. This man, who is not much older than me, comes from a Protestant background. Based on his

response after being shown several passages of Scripture, it seems that he does not yet understand the true nature of biblical salvation. I did my best to answer his questions and explain from the Scriptures the truth that one can be reconciled to God and have assurance of eternal salvation through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was my first time to give a one-on-one Bible study in Korean. Despite feeling like I lacked the needed language proficiency, I think the Lord helped me to thoroughly communicate the Gospel to him. At his request we scheduled another Bible study for next week. Please pray that the Lord would use me to lead this man to Christ.



Last Sunday, a troubled single man, who had visited our church about six months ago, returned. I was able to share the Gospel with him twice over the course of the day. Like so many all around the world, this fellow really needs a miracle in his life. I was reminded again of the reality that we must always patiently rely on the Lord, especially when ministering to those who are a challenge to deal with.

Please pray for the salvation of a man by the name of Gu Jeong Min (구정민), a friendly butcher at the grocery store one block away from our home. We have talked briefly

several times over the past few months and recently, when there were no other customers, we had a longer, more meaningful conversation. Connecting with someone beyond the level of superficial politeness is often a challenge in Korean society. We definitely need the Lord's wisdom as we seek to develop a relationship that will allow us to properly communicate the Gospel to this man.



We are so honored to be your missionaries here in Busan, Korea. Your faithful prayer and financial support is a tremendous blessing to our family as we labor to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Korean people for our Lord's honor and glory. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would enable us to do the work that we have been called to do. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him in this new year!

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