



# THE *Brown Family* MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH KOREA

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*"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,

May 2020

Thank you so much for praying for us! We pray that the Lord is protecting you and providing for your needs during this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. We are so grateful for the Lord's continued protection of our family. While many aspects of life remain disrupted, the Coronavirus situation continues to improve in Korea. The Korean government is still mandating certain "social distancing" measures; however, there is not and has not been any "lockdown" order. The election for the National Assembly was successfully held two weeks



ago without a surge of Coronavirus cases. The new school year started online for children last month with the hope of physical classes beginning soon. Though the Buddhist leaders postponed the massive celebrations until the end of May due to the Coronavirus, many people in our city still visited temples yesterday on the national holiday of Buddha's Birthday. The daily number of new Coronavirus cases reported nationwide has been less than twenty each day for about two weeks now.



Practically everyone wearing masks and following some common sense precautions, combined with the government's draconian personal data collection efforts and strict quarantine of Coronavirus-infected individuals has allowed freedom of movement for most people in our very densely populated mission field. For four weeks, gatherings were banned by the government; however, since the ban was just eased, the church we are serving at while we prepare to start our own church was able to meet for the first time in two months. We were required to follow strict guidelines laid down by the government including: each person

having his temperature checked and recorded as he entered, everyone having their hands sanitized at the door, all attendees wearing a mask for the entire service, and each person sitting six feet apart. Though it was inconvenient, we were so glad to finally be together again. I had the privilege that night to preach (in Korean) from Titus 2:11-14. It was a great blessing to finally have the opportunity to deliver the Word of God after such a long hiatus. Those of you involved in your local church ministries through teaching, serving in the Bus Ministry, or serving in other areas must be longing to minister again like I was. May the Lord allow your ministry opportunities to resume soon.

It is not yet clear when our family will be able to be back on the streets for public ministry here in our city of Busan; however, we continue to seek opportunities daily to share our thorough Gospel tract and perhaps connect with someone that we interact with. While out shopping recently, Sarah ran into a lady we have met several times before. After talking with Sarah, the lady expressed a desire to come to church. An elderly man, whom I met on the subway a few days prior, invited me to his office where we had a conversation. Please pray that he will read the Gospel tract he received and that the Lord would allow a relationship to develop that would result in his salvation. Please also continue to pray for the salvation of another man, Mr. Gu, whom we have been working to reach. We certainly need the Lord's wisdom and enabling as we seek to communicate the Gospel here. Please pray that the Lord would enable us and open doors during this challenging time.



We know that for most of you in the United States, this past month has been a very difficult time. Your lives have been suddenly and severely disrupted. In addition to those suffering directly from the Coronavirus, many more are suffering greatly from the serious social and economic effects of government imposed lockdowns. Some of you may have lost your job or are experiencing financial difficulties. The prevalence of confusing and often conflicting information makes the Coronavirus situation even worse. During this time of uncertainty, our family has found Psalm 46 to be a help to us. In Psalm 46:10-11, the Lord inspired the psalmist to write these great truths: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." May the Lord protect and bless you all! We are praying for you.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial support. We are so honored to be partnered with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people.

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