



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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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We all are living in uncertain times as the whole world seems to be filled with turmoil. What a blessing to know that, just as He was for the children of Israel, *"the Eternal God is our refuge."* While we do not know what even the immediate future holds for all of us in these troubling times, we can rejoice in the wonderful promises of our Omnipotent Lord while we seek to do His will.

In the past few days, the daily average of new Coronavirus cases reported in our city of 3.5 million people has suddenly increased to a daily average of more than 25 new cases. Though this may seem rather insignificant, it has been deemed a "dangerous outbreak" and has led to the implementation of "enhanced level 2 social distancing measures" which restrict the size of gatherings, the use of certain facilities, and many different commercial activities for a minimum of two weeks. This "sudden uptick in cases" has caused a heightened sense of worry among the general public here who have been conditioned to fully cooperate with the government's draconian contact tracing system. Due to this contact tracing system, we often get emergency alert text messages from the government warning of the latest cases and ordering all those who may have had some form of contact to get tested. The emergency alert text messages that are sent to mobile phones across the city often read like this: "Will the person who was wearing glasses and a black coat who rode city bus number 31 on Monday from 9:05 A.M. to 9:20 A.M. please report immediately to a government health center to take a COVID test." The government is definitely committed to its policy of achieving zero new cases through aggressive quarantine measures and intrusive contact tracing. We continue to ask the Lord for protection from illness and also for wisdom to navigate the challenges to ministry that this situation brings.

We so appreciate your prayers for Sarah and the little baby that is on the way. Nearly twenty weeks have passed by already and Baby Brown is growing and seems to be healthy. We thank the Lord for this coming addition to our family! However, we did just find out that the hospital we were hoping to use has a COVID-related policy which mandates that mothers and newborns be immediately separated at birth until the following day when the mother would be allowed to hold and feed her baby only once per day for the duration of the hospital stay (which is at least 72 hours for a normal birth). While certain abnormal measures may be needed in this pandemic, this policy is obviously unacceptable to us. Please pray that the Lord would make it possible for Sarah and the baby to be together during their hospital stay.

Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed opportunities to preach and teach in Korean and our family has enjoyed the opportunities to minister together in Sunday School. After three years of distributing tens of thousands of Gospel tracts, we were so glad when a young man who had received one of our Gospel tracts from Sarah several weeks ago came to church last Sunday. I was able to talk with him after the service for a few minutes. We pray that he will return and get the matter of his salvation settled. Yesterday, I had the privilege to meet for the third time with a businessman in his office on the twelfth floor of a high-rise building. We praise the Lord that I was able to again share the truth of the Gospel with this Buddhist man. It was a joy to discuss some of the differences between the Gospel of Christ and Buddhism with him, and to present some reasons to seriously consider the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ. I rejoice that the Lord opened this special door and I look forward to more opportunities to thoroughly explain the exclusive truth of Christ's Gospel to him. Thank you for praying with us for his salvation. As we prepare to transition to the initial phase of planting a church in the central district of Busan, please pray that the Lord would use us and teach us how to better connect with people like Mr. Cho for the sake of the Gospel. Without the Lord's help we can accomplish nothing. Honestly, it can be discouraging at times as we seek to serve the Lord in our mission field of Busan, Korea where false religion, skepticism towards the truth, and materialism abound. Recently, while distributing Gospel tracts in the center of our city, I heard several different people mocking as they read the tract they had received. While I'm so glad that these lost souls encountered the truth, I long to witness a positive response. Contemplating the challenge of communicating the Gospel here where there seems to be so many spiritual barriers in the way of people actually turning to Christ for salvation has me sometimes saying what the disciples said in Matthew 19:25, *"Who then can be saved?"* What a great encouragement to read our Lord Jesus Christ's answer in the next verse, *"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."* With this great truth in mind, we will continue to labor to sow the seed of the Gospel for the glory of God as He enables us; trusting the Lord to bring the increase in His time. Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and sacrificial financial support! It is our privilege to be partnered with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people!

Your Missionary,

Andrew Brown



Teaching Sunday School



Distributing Gospel Tracts as a Family



A visitor came to church after receiving a Gospel tract!



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