



# 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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We hope you all are well and enjoying the blessings that come from serving the Lord. Last month, we enjoyed the stunning beauty of the cherry blossoms and other flowers in full bloom around our city. The spring weather has been a welcome change from the unusually cold winter that we just experienced. However, on certain days, ultra-fine yellow dust from China caused the air quality to deteriorate severely. On one particular day, Busan's air was so polluted by this yellow dust that the mountains surrounding our city could not be seen. Yet, we are grateful that the air quality here is not as hazardous as it often is in other regions of Korea during the spring.

We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our second daughter. Her due date is the 17th but she could come at any time now. We are so grateful to the Lord for the strength and protection He has given us thus far. Learning to navigate the unfamiliar Korean hospital experience while doing our best to communicate with the doctors has been quite the adventure for us. Please continue to pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

It almost goes without saying that we continue to experience the effects of the global pandemic here in Korea. As we have mentioned before, Korean society has experienced likely irreversible changes as a result of government policies. The government's control now extends to every aspect of life, including the practice of religion. A church can only legally operate at the permission of the government. The State controls what kind of activities can be held and how many people can attend. This is the new reality that we are facing. Yet, by the grace of God we desire to adapt as necessary and move forward for His glory. He is truly in control and it is a privilege to serve Him. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to navigate the challenges and be the missionaries that the Lord would have us to be.

The way that people here have been conditioned to respond to the Coronavirus certainly is not conducive for personal interactions. Yet, we are so grateful that the Lord still provides opportunities for the Gospel to go forth. While distributing Gospel tracts on a busy sidewalk last month, I had a brief but friendly conversation with an elderly man. "I'm old," he said, as if to indicate that he was too old to consider anything that would challenge his worldview. Yet, he received the Gospel tract that I offered him before walking away. As I was heading home some time later, I saw the same man sitting down, reading the thorough written presentation of the Gospel he was given. What an encouragement! On another occasion that same week, I was able to briefly witness to a lady while distributing Gospel tracts near a major bus terminal. In this fast-paced, materialistic, highly digitalized, and spiritually dark nation, these positive encounters are rare. Yet, we are confident that the Lord is at work and that He will bless His Word as it goes forth. There are currently seven bustling locations across our city where I am able to carefully distribute Gospel tracts. Each day I try to vary the time and place. By doing so, I am able to target different groups of people—some areas tend to have many older people earlier in the day while others are frequented by young people and students in the late afternoon. In the early evening, business people and commuters can be offered a Gospel tract as well. The need here in Busan for the truth of the Gospel to be clearly communicated is staggering. I believe that more than ten biblical church-planters could be "turned loose" in this city of 3.5 million souls without scratching the surface of the spiritual need here. Please continue to pray for us as we labor to communicate the Gospel to the masses and also to connect with certain individuals for the purpose of leading them to Christ. We desire to bear fruit that remains for the glory of God.

Thank you so very much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support. Our hearts are filled with gratitude when we contemplate the sacrifice you make on our behalf. We count it a great honor to be partnered with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people. May the Lord bless you richly as you serve Him!

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