



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

June 2021

We hope you all are well and rejoicing in the goodness of our Lord. Here in Busan we have been enjoying warm days and cool, pleasant nights. Last month our family safely traveled up to the capital city, Seoul, and successfully completed the steps necessary to establish our newborn daughter's U.S. citizenship at the American Embassy. Now we must obtain Hannah's visa from the Korean immigration authorities. Thank you for praying for us while we take care of these important matters.

From the time long ago, when Cain pridefully tried to appease God on his own sinful terms by offering an unacceptable sacrifice, until the present day, this wicked world has been filled with false religion. South Korea, and particularly our city of Busan, is no exception to this sad reality. Last month, on the national holiday of Buddha's Birthday, the many Buddhists in our city participated in events and ceremonies held at temples across Busan. That day, I personally saw thousands of people (in spite of rather inconvenient coronavirus-related regulations) reciting prayers, bowing down to statues of the Buddha, and performing other rituals at a massive temple in the central district of our city. Of particular note to me were the elderly people I saw praying with great devotion as well as the number of children that were participating in the rituals with their parents. To those of us who have been truly saved and therefore have the Holy Spirit living within us, the earnest religious fervor displayed by these lost souls is indeed sad and even ridiculous. Yet, because they have been deceived, these Buddhists are simply doing that which seems logical and noble to them. Each one of these spiritually-blinded souls needs to experience the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ! This, of course, is one of the reasons why our Lord has sent us here. The Gospel must be communicated, even to those who have little interest in the truth. We must depend on His enabling as we seek to be good ambassadors for Christ. On a sidewalk near the temple gate, I was able to carefully and politely distribute thorough Gospel tracts to some of these lost souls as they were leaving the temple. Later on that day, Sarah and our daughters joined me near another temple and we were able to distribute some Gospel tracts to those passing by. Especially since it was our first time to do so all together as a family of four, this was a blessed time of ministry for us! We continue to pray that the Lord would bless His Word as it is distributed and that He would give our family more opportunities to communicate the Gospel to those who so desperately need to be engaged with the truth.

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, we have been preparing to transition from serving under a veteran national pastor to the task of planting a New Testament local church here in the central district of our city. Though several details have yet to be decided, we believe that the Lord is leading us to make this transition at the end of June. Though we certainly need His enabling and wisdom as we begin this great task, we are excited to see what the Lord will do through us for His glory as He uses our family to build His church. Thank you so very much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! It is our great privilege to serve the Lord as your missionaries to the people of South Korea!

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