

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 certainly count it a great privilege to represent you as we seek to proclaim the Gospel of Christ for the glory of God here in Busan, South Korea. Thank you so much for partnering with us in faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! We continue with the exciting mission of planting a brand new biblical church in the central district of our city. Last month, I was able to distribute several hundred thorough Gospel tracts in various locations across our city, including several places where I had not done so before. As I mentioned in our last letter, these new tracts have my contact information on the back along with a QR code that directs people to our website where they can access an even more in-depth presentation of the Gospel as well as information about our family's mission to plant a church here in Busan. Despite the hot and humid weather, Sarah and our daughters were able to join me on several occasions. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord together as a family! We pray that the Lord would bless His Word as it goes forth and that He would give us opportunities to personally communicate the Gospel to people we meet while distributing tracts. Last month I spent many hours preparing material (in Korean) to preach and teach in the coming days. Contemplating what it ought to be like for someone with little or no prior exposure to the truth to properly encounter the teaching of the Word of God for the first time has caused me to seek the Lord for guidance. We have been called to preach the Gospel and teach the Bible to those that we lead to Christ in a city where the vast majority do not have even a nominally Christian background or worldview. We want to be sure that we are transmitting not simply the traditions of men but rather the life changing truth that God has clearly revealed in His Word. While we look for a space to lease in Jin-gu, our family has been having church services at our home, practicing in a real sense for the day (hopefully soon!) when we have our first visitors. By faith we are trusting the Lord to work through us and build His church. We desire to bear fruit that remains for the glory of God.

South Korea is experiencing what is being referred to as "the fourth wave of COVID-19." Despite an aggressive vaccination program, broad contact tracing, universal mask mandates, and a severe quarantine regime, the number of reported daily infections is the highest it has been since the start of this calamity last year (though the numbers are quite low compared to most of the rest of the world). Across the nation, private gatherings of four or more are banned and in the capital region all religious gatherings are banned. While the government has promised all along that "we can overcome this virus together," the reality is that the government now has total control over nearly every aspect of life and can arbitrarily make any number of devastating decisions in the name of "public health." As guests in this country and more importantly as ambassadors for Christ, we need great wisdom from the Lord in order to safely and prudently navigate these uncertain times.

Last month we celebrated two special days as a family. Korea has long had the custom of marking a new baby's one hundredth day with a family celebration. We enjoyed Hannah's *baek-il* (백일) or one hundredth day together and thanked the Lord for the health of this precious addition to our family. We also observed our precious JoAnn's fourth birthday last week. She was only two months old when we came to Korea. We are so proud of the little lady she has become as well as her progress in learning Korean. We pray that she would understand the Gospel and trust Christ for salvation in due season as she continues to learn the Scriptures.

In closing, I would ask you to pray that the Lord would enable me to lead my barber to Christ. This dear man has run an old-fashioned barbershop in our neighborhood for nearly fifty years. He and his wife are devout Catholics. (While comprising only a small minority of the population, Catholicism has had a presence in Korea for more than 200 years and has developed its own peculiarities here.) My barber and I have had several long conversations recently and it is obvious that, while he is very pious, he needs to come to a saving knowledge of the true Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray with me that the Lord would open my barber's heart to the truth. May the Lord continue to protect and bless you as you serve Him!

Your Missionary,

Andrew Brown



Sarah and our daughters make a great team when distributing Gospel tracts!



We celebrated Hannah's 100th day!



JoAnn's Korean conversation ability continues to improve!



JoAnn enjoys meeting new friends at local parks.



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