



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings from our mission field of Busan, South Korea. We are so blessed to be tasked with communicating the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this great city of nearly 3.5 million souls. Though our enthusiasm is sometimes dampened by the challenges that we encounter, we are constantly reminded that the Lord is faithful and always worthy to be praised. Even as the pandemic has raged completely out of the government's control with daily case numbers in Korea actually exceeding those in the United States, the Lord has kept us safe and provided for all of our needs. Again last month several hundred people around Busan received a thorough Gospel tract from us and it appears that a number of people visited our Gospel website as well. While distributing Gospel tracts last month near a busy market, I met a man who turned out to be the older brother of the man whom I had the privilege to witness to when he called me after receiving one of our tracts in January. Though I was initially excited to make contact with the brother of the one who called, I soon realized that he was blinded by grievous error and totally unwilling to listen to the truth. In fact, because he began shouting at me I was sadly unable to share the Gospel with him and instead had to leave the area in order to avoid a scene that might damage my testimony. While we rarely experience this level of hostility, we often do encounter many who have no interest in the truth and some who are very opposed to it. However, each one we encounter here is a precious soul that the Lord desires to save and has sent us to try to reach. As we labor to faithfully communicate the Gospel and connect meaningfully with those around us in order to lead them to Christ, we continue to ask the Lord to open new doors and enable us to be more effective for His glory.

We had hoped to announce in this letter that we had leased a space for the church the Lord is using us to plant here in Busan. In fact, we had found what we thought to be an excellent fifth floor office space that already had a suitable interior and was located in a very busy location, right outside a subway station entrance in the central district of Busan. The owner initially agreed to allow us to lease the space for use as a church facility and we were excited about moving forward in this truly fantastic location. However, just as the realtor and I were beginning the contract process last Thursday, the owner's elderly father intervened and strongly forbade her to lease the building to us. Having thought that our search was finally over, we were a bit disappointed at this turn of events. However, our Lord knows what is best and we believe He will guide us to the right place soon. An encounter I had recently highlighted the reason why finding a suitable building in a good location is something that we believe the Lord would have us to keep pursuing. On a busy sidewalk last Saturday afternoon, a man received a tract from me and then asked what the tract was about. After I explained to him that the tract was a presentation of Jesus Christ's true Gospel which is the most important information anyone can read, the man asked me, "Where is your church located?" To which I had no choice but to reply like I have had to do several times recently, "We are starting a church but haven't found a place to meet yet." While we understand that the local church that Christ builds is not contingent on a building, we feel strongly that at this stage in our ministry a place that can be easily accessed by people we meet across our city will be an effective tool for personally introducing people to the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray that the Lord would lead us to the place that would become a brightly shining Gospel light in the central district of Busan for His honor and glory.

As we seek to do the Lord's will here in Busan, the thought that God's people take the time to specifically pray for us and our ministry is a wonderful encouragement. We greatly appreciate you bringing our needs to the Lord in prayer. Please continue to pray for our family as we work daily to improve our Korean language proficiency. We are grateful for the progress we have made but are constantly reminded of the need to press on in this important endeavor. On March 9th, South Korea will hold a presidential election. These are certainly momentous days that all of us around the world are living in. We are praying that God's will be done and that we would be able to continue to serve Him here unhindered in these last days before our Savior returns to catch away His own. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial support! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!

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