



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Especially in the midst of the current turmoil and uncertainty around the world, it is such a comfort to know the Lord and to trust His unfailing promises. We are so grateful for the way that God has protected us and faithfully provided for our needs. Last year the Korean government proudly boasted of its success in containing the Coronavirus pandemic through extreme measures. Compared to many other countries, cases in Korea were indeed quite low for a while; however over the last couple of months the pandemic has indisputably spiraled out of the government's control. Each day hundreds of thousands of new cases are reported across the nation. In time past, an outbreak of just a few hundred cases was cause for national concern and up until recently even those who had brief contact with an infected person were forced to quarantine for 14 days under threat of severe penalties for the slightest violation. Yet this draconian contact tracing and quarantine system was recently suspended due to the overwhelming number of active cases. Now more than one in four people in Korea has been reported to have had the virus. We praise the Lord that while we each came down with mild or moderate cases of the Coronavirus last month, our family has since fully recovered. Safety and good health are truly unmerited gifts from God! Last month, South Korea elected a new president by the tightest margin in its history. While the president-elect and his wife have been known to seek the advice of shamans, his electoral victory was potentially a positive outcome for the country. We pray that President Yoon would turn to Christ for salvation and rule this nation wisely so that we may preach the Gospel and serve the Lord with minimal restriction in these last days before our Savior returns for His own.

As we continue to seek more opportunities to communicate the Gospel of Christ here in Busan where the spiritual need is so great, we are glad that we can engage the masses by distributing thorough Gospel tracts around our city. It is an even greater blessing when we are given the opportunity to personally share the truth with someone who has just received a tract and stops to talk with us. Before writing this letter today, I had the privilege to share the Gospel with a Buddhist lady while distributing tracts near a major market. I was able to tell her of the true God, of the wages of sin, and of the glorious salvation available only through trusting Christ because of His finished work of redemption. As she left, I encouraged the lady to carefully read the Gospel tract she had received and to consider the truth that she had heard. We pray that the Lord would bless this seed as well as the other seeds that we are planting around Busan. May the Lord enable us to bear fruit that remains for His glory!

As we continue to deepen relationships with several people for the purpose of leading them to Christ, we are constantly reminded of how important it is for our family to properly assimilate to Korean culture. The life-changing truths recorded in Scripture of course transcend all cultures; yet it is imperative that we not unnecessarily hinder those we are seeking to reach from coming to Christ by making avoidable cultural mistakes. Therefore we all continue working to improve our proficiency in the Korean language and to deepen our understanding of Korean customs. While we still have a long way to go on this journey, we are especially grateful for the progress that JoAnn has made in her ability to make friends and communicate with Korean kids her age. By the grace of God, I was able to pass the rather difficult "Korea Immigration Permanent Residency Aptitude Test" administered by the immigration authorities last month. This test measures Korean language ability as well as one's understanding of Korean history, culture, society, economy, politics, and law. The fact that I passed this test and thereby completed the "Society Integration Program" will hopefully allow our family to first obtain a more long-term visa than the one we currently have and then eventually aid us in obtaining permanent residency status later on. Thank you so much for praying for our family as we seek to be effective missionaries here in Busan, South Korea for the glory of God. Please continue to pray that the Lord would guide us soon to a place that we would be permitted to lease for use as a church facility. We greatly appreciate your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! May the Lord bless you richly as you serve Him.

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