



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so grateful for the privilege to represent you as we labor to communicate our Savior's Gospel to the Korean people. September 29th was the fifth anniversary of our family's arrival in Korea. It is hard to believe that it has already been five years since we said goodbye to our loved ones and followed God's call to this mission field. As we reflect on this milestone, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His kind mercy, His loving provision, His constant protection, and His gracious enabling. While we still work to become proficient Korean speakers and effective laborers in this part of our Lord's harvest field, we are grateful for the lessons He has taught us and for the progress that He has allowed us to make. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial support as we seek to connect with lost souls for the purpose of leading them to Christ. While walking to our home from the subway station after church on a Wednesday night last month, an apartment security guard in our neighborhood stopped us and said, "My how your first born daughter has grown! I have been watching your family walk past my guard shack for the past five years and finally decided to step out and say hello." We then had a pleasant conversation with him resulting in his receiving a Gospel tract from us. While learning the Korean language and working to adapt to Korean culture over the past five years, we have sought to be faithful in sowing the seed with the expectation that the Lord will cause us to reap in His time. Therefore we remain excited about what the Lord will do through us for His glory here in our mission field of Busan, Korea.

Last month God protected us when a powerful typhoon came through Busan. While several people in a city not too far from us tragically drowned when their apartment parking garage was suddenly flooded by rain from the storm, we praise the Lord that aside from some light water damage in our church building and the street address sign on our house being blown away, we were kept safe from harm. In the middle of September, the nation celebrated the three-day harvest holiday of *Chuseok*. As most of the pandemic-related restrictions had been eased, millions of people traveled to visit their relatives across the country — many of these also performed the customary Confucian ancestor-worship rituals as well. After distributing Gospel tracts near a busy traditional market and across from the main railway station in Busan, our family enjoyed spending quality time together during this major holiday that is so important to Korean people. On a Sunday afternoon a week before the *Chuseok* holiday, we had the privilege to host some dear saints from the church that we served at before stepping out by faith to plant Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the central district of Busan. My friends and mentors, Pastor Kim Hee Ok and Pastor Kim Jeong Shik, led the informal gathering with prayer and both gave a very meaningful challenge from the Scriptures. These men of God, who know the reality of ministering in this culture so well, exhorted our family to be diligent in the work of the ministry and to patiently wait for the Lord to give the increase in His perfect time. This special occasion was a great encouragement to us as we were reminded that the Lord's servants will reap in due season if they faint not. We firmly believe that God has guided our steps to the exact place where He wants us to be. Our church building is located just a short walk from what is considered the center of Busan. This busy area is often filled with tens of thousands of young people. From time to time the streets are closed to traffic and small rock concerts or other events are held. The spirit of the age which haughtily rebels against the Creator and opposes His truth is especially prevalent in this place. Since this area is so close to our church facility, we often go here right after our Sunday morning service and distribute Gospel tracts, looking for opportunities to personally engage the lost souls hurrying past us. Last Sunday I saw quite a few people reading the tract they had received as they waited to cross the street. In the immediate vicinity of our church facility there are many office buildings. Last month, each Wednesday evening before our Bible study, we distributed Gospel tracts to business professionals that were beginning their evening commute. Recently, I received a text message from someone who said that they had thoroughly read one of our tracts. On another day, someone came by the church building while I was away and left a note expressing a desire to attend our services. We hope to connect with these and lead them (along with other new contacts) to Christ as the Lord opens doors and enables us. Thank you so much for your faithful partnership! Please continue to pray that souls would be transformed by the Gospel of Christ through the outreach of Jungbu Independent Baptist Church.

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