



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Happy New Year! We are so thankful for the many blessings that the Lord bestowed upon us in 2022 and we are excited about what God will do through our family as we labor to communicate the glorious Gospel of Christ to the Korean people in 2023. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! We are especially grateful for the generous gifts of love that we received during the past weeks. May this new year be a fruitful season for all of us as we serve the Lord in our respective mission fields.

On December 11th, following our Sunday service at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church and a brief time of Gospel tract distribution afterwards, we began our journey to the United States by walking to the subway station near our home with suitcases in hand. After first riding the subway and then a high-speed train to Seoul, we spent the night in the capital city of Korea before heading to the Incheon International Airport the next day. We arrived in California tired but joyful about twelve hours after boarding our non-stop flight to San Francisco International Airport. The Lord gave us a truly wonderful time with Sarah's parents. Many precious memories were made as our daughters experienced the country of their citizenship and my parents-in-law got to see our second-born daughter in person for the first time. In addition to spending quality family time together, I had the privilege to preach the Word of God twice at my parents-in-law's church. After ten unforgettable days in Northern California, we flew through the night to Corpus Christi, Texas. There we were reunited with my family. It is difficult to express in words just how special it was to finally be together with my parents, siblings, and grandparents after five long years of separation. We praise the Lord for this wonderful experience. However, due to the meltdown of Southwest Airlines last week, our whole family was faced with no way to fly to our hometown in Alabama. After weighing our options, we rented three vehicles and together began the long drive towards home—stopping several times along the way to stretch our legs, eat, and share driving responsibilities. We drove many hours without incident, yet one of my brothers and two of my sisters were involved in a horrific traffic accident directly behind our car when we were only about ten minutes away from my parents' home. My brother was airlifted to the hospital and my sisters were each taken there by ambulance. However, by the mercy of God, all three of them miraculously avoided life-threatening injuries. While each of them faces a long and difficult road to full recovery, we know that we have much to thank the Lord for. Please pray for healing for my siblings and that the Lord will be glorified in this difficult situation.

Lord willing, we will be returning to our mission field on Friday, January 6th. We will drive down to the Atlanta airport and then take a nearly sixteen-hour non-stop flight back to Korea. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will use our family in Busan for His glory in this new year. Just before we embarked on this journey, we were able to deliver a small gift and one of our Gospel tracts to our downstairs neighbors. Please pray that the Lord would work in their hearts and use us to lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. While distributing Gospel tracts in various locations across Busan on several occasions I have encountered a young man who works as a cellphone salesman. Just before we left for the United States, I was able to again converse with him, give him a Gospel tract, and invite him to attend Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Please pray that the Lord would use me to reach this lost soul for the glory of God in the new year. Shortly after our return to Korea we will have the privilege to travel up to the city of Incheon and help lead a three-day winter vacation Bible school at Maranatha Baptist Church. Please pray that the children of this wonderful church would be strengthened in their walk with the Lord and that visitors would attend and be transformed by the eternal truths of God's Word. Thank you so much for your faithful partnership! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him in 2023.

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