



# 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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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great privilege to be laborers together with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people here in the city of Busan. Thank you so much for praying for three of my siblings who were injured in a terrible traffic accident during our recent trip to the States. By the grace of God, they each continue making progress towards recovery. Thank you also for praying for our family as we completed our trip in the United States and traveled back to our mission field. Despite the unexpected challenges we encountered along the way, we certainly enjoyed being briefly reunited with our precious family and attending our home church. I was given the opportunity to preach and we enjoyed fellowship with dear ones that we had not seen in so long. It was a joy to watch our firstborn daughter, JoAnn, experience church services and children's ministries in English. We thank the Lord for the precious memories that were made during this special visit. After a four-hour drive to the Atlanta Airport, a nearly sixteen-hour nonstop flight on Korean Air to the Incheon Airport, a train ride to Seoul Station, and then traveling by high-speed rail all the way down to Busan, we squeezed into two taxis and finally arrived at our house in the wee hours of January 7th. We praise the Lord for safely bringing us back home after allowing us to travel almost 15,000 miles over the course of our entire journey.

Just a few days after returning home, we traveled up to South Korea's third-largest city, Incheon, where we had the great privilege to help lead the Winter Vacation Bible School at Maranatha Baptist Church. Following the theme ("Be Filled with the Holy Spirit") chosen by Pastor Im, church staff member Brother Pak and I emphasized both the necessity of a biblical salvation experience for those not yet saved and also the child of God's duty to submit to the indwelling Holy Spirit's progressive work of sanctification. Not only did the children enthusiastically participate in the Scripture verse recitation, spiritual songs, crafts, and games, but they also listened intently to the sermons that we delivered. We pray that the Lord will use His truth to do a life-changing work in the lives of those precious young people. Thanks to the kindness of the students, this VBS was an especially enjoyable and beneficial experience for JoAnn. Though we went to serve, the saints of this faithful church were a great blessing to our family and we learned valuable lessons that we hope to implement when holding our first Vacation Bible School at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the future.

Our family drove back to Busan just prior to the start of the Lunar New Year festivities. We were able to distribute thorough Gospel tracts to holiday travelers near the main train station in our city and also to those buying needed supplies for their family's Lunar New Year celebrations near a busy traditional market. We enjoyed making and eating the traditional rice cake soup and doing other fun activities during this major holiday. A lady who visited our church services last year sent us a card indicating that she had moved to another city. We continue to pray for her salvation. By the providence of God, I was able to reestablish contact with a Buddhist man that I have had the privilege to witness to in the past. I pray that the Lord would work supernaturally and allow me to lead this man to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We continue to labor to plant the seed here on our mission field. It certainly feels good to be back in the saddle after our absence. We are excited about what the Lord will do through us and Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the days ahead. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support. May 2023 be a great year of reaping the harvest for the glory of God!



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