

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 from Busan, Korea! These days our family is enjoying nice spring weather and the vivid colors of beautiful blossoms which testify to the greatness of their Creator. Last month we continued with our regular Gospel tract distribution efforts across Busan. Recently I had quite a few interactions with people asking me about the tract they had received. We were able to personally invite several to come and be introduced to the life-changing truths of God's Word at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. I had the opportunity to witness to one man who contacted me by text message after receiving a tract from Sarah. On another occasion, I was able to share the Gospel with a lady who called the church seeking financial assistance. We are very thankful for the privilege that we have to shine the light of the Gospel here where the need is so great!

We so appreciate your sacrificial financial support and especially your faithful prayers on our behalf. How wonderful it is to serve a God that hears the prayers of His children! Last month we asked you all to pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in dealing with two visitors whom I strongly suspected of having been sent by a cult to infiltrate our church under a false pretext. On the first Sunday in March, the young men returned for the third time. After preaching the Gospel, I spoke to them candidly at the close of the service, telling them that though I was glad to meet them and share the Gospel with them, I simply could not believe what they had told me about themselves. To make a long story short—though they kept trying to deceive us right to the very end—during the course of our conversation the Lord caused one of them to slip up and disclose the fact that they were indeed members of the "New Heaven and Earth" cult which has done so many evil things here in Korea. The young men were sent to do wickedness, but praise the Lord, He protected His church! As soon as the truth was revealed I politely asked the young men to leave. Though it was a bit unnerving to deal with such cunning liars who were sent to wreak havoc, we are so grateful for the opportunity we were given to thoroughly communicate the Gospel and other truths from the Word of God to these lost souls each of the three times that they visited Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. I believe the Lord enabled us to show a good testimony to them and perhaps even plant a seed of truth in their hard hearts. Through this experience we learned valuable lessons and we were able to observe the Lord working things out for His glory. Above all, it was a needed reminder that our Lord is in control and that He will protect His servants if we will simply trust Him and seek the wisdom that only He can give.



Back in 2020, the Lord providentially led me to meet a Buddhist man whom I was able to briefly share the Gospel with on three occasions over the course of several months. After losing contact with him for quite some time, the Lord again caused our paths to cross just a few weeks ago. This led to my meeting with the man and his wife at a coffee shop. After we conversed about various topics including his desire for me to help him find international clients for his customs consulting business, the Lord allowed me to present the Gospel for several minutes as the man and his wife listened intently. After I shared truths from Scripture about the true God and eternal salvation available exclusively through Christ because of His vicarious death and bodily resurrection, I asked the wife some questions about her Buddhist beliefs. She was surprised and pleased that I had a rudimentary understanding of Korean Buddhism. Our conversation was insightful and I learned more about their beliefs as I tried to be an effective ambassador for Christ while explaining that the Lord Jesus was indeed God manifest in the flesh and the only one who can save us from the penalty of sin. This man and lady attend the largest temple in our city which is one of the largest in all of Korea and reportedly has more than 300,000 registered members. The couple reads the Lotus Sutra together daily and the wife has copied this Buddhist scripture by hand twenty-six times. Though they repeatedly said that "all religions are good," it is evident that their hearts have been thoroughly captivated by the grievous error of Buddhism. Their only hope is to turn to Christ by faith and experience life-transforming salvation. At the close of our meeting I gave them a Bible which the man gladly received. A few days later, Mr. Cho called and asked to meet with me again next week. I am excited at this amazing opportunity. It is very evident that the Lord is at work! Please pray with us that the Lord would guide and enable me during this meeting and ultimately use us to lead Mr. Cho and his wife to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you all as you abound in His work!

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