



# 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,

May 2023

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! As we work to communicate the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in a place that seems to be growing spiritually darker each day, it is a great encouragement to know that we are partnered together with you in the Lord's work. While we wait for our Savior to catch away His own we have the great privilege to shine as lights in this dark world for the glory of God. We praise the Lord for His provision and protection as well as the opportunities we had last month to distribute thorough Gospel tracts across Busan and work to deepen relationships with several whom we desire to lead to Christ.

In our previous prayer letter I mentioned the privilege I had to witness to a devout Buddhist couple. Last month the Lord allowed me to meet with them again when Mr. Cho invited me to visit his office and then have lunch together. During the course of the meal our conversation turned to spiritual things. Mr. Cho's wife explained that since she had become a devotee of the Cheontae sect of Korean Buddhism, her heart was at peace and that each of their children had experienced great success as a result of her devotion to the teachings of her religion. She then went on to say she was confident that the Buddhist scripture known as the "Lotus Sutra" would meet her spiritual needs throughout the final stages of her life. As we discussed the couple's Buddhist beliefs, I carefully presented the Gospel briefly again to Mr. Cho and his wife. Their response to hearing the Gospel this time was to again make the false claim that "all religions are good." Later on, I sent Mr. Cho the link to a lengthy Gospel presentation on our church website. During a recent phone conversation he mentioned that he had taken the time to read what I had sent him and said "I am a Buddhist but I respect your beliefs about Jesus Christ." While more time is needed for the seed of the Word of God to germinate in their hearts, I know that our Lord desires the salvation of this couple even more than I do. Please continue to pray that the Lord would use us to lead these precious souls away from the error of Buddhism and to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. May the Lord give us wisdom as we plant, water, and wait for God to give the increase.

Last month we had the pleasure of welcoming seven first-time visitors to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church! One lady who came alone told us that she had found the church through our website after deciding to start attending a church again. The others (two families who came together) heard of our church through an acquaintance. When talking to these two families after the service, I learned that they had recently left a denomination that holds to many unbiblical beliefs, including the confusing error that salvation is obtained by "simply realizing that one's sins are already forgiven" (in contrast to the biblical imperative to recognize one's guilt before God and personally trust Christ alone for salvation because of His vicarious death and bodily resurrection.) In addition to teaching false doctrines, the group that these families spent eighteen years as faithful members of is known for cult-like and abusive practices. It was evident that these visitors to our church have suffered greatly because of the false and confusing things they have been taught. If these families continue to attend, we will need great wisdom from the Lord to patiently help them understand true salvation and biblical Christianity while we minister to them. On the last Sunday of April, the lady who found the church through our website returned and on that same day another man visited for the first time as well. While talking with him after the service I discovered that he was the same individual that I had shared the Gospel with in a text message conversation back in February when He contacted me and asked questions about salvation after finding our church website. This man seems to be genuinely seeking the things of God. In the days ahead I hope to help him come to the assurance of eternal salvation and start the journey towards becoming a true disciple of Christ. We certainly are grateful for the opportunity to welcome each of these visitors and share the Word of God with them. We praise the Lord for what He is doing through the ministry here in Busan! Thank you so much for praying for our family and Jungbu Independent Baptist Church! May the Lord continue to bless you as you abound in His work.

Your Missionary,

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