



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

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We are so grateful for your investment in our ministry through prayer and sacrificial support. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Lord! We know that we could not do the work that God has called us to do without your steadfast partnership. As we seek to faithfully sow the seed and bear fruit that remains for the glory of God in this field where it sometimes seems as if no one is interested in the truth, it is such an encouragement to know that our Savior is indeed the "Lord of the Harvest." If we rely on the Lord and diligently labor to faithfully proclaim the life-transforming Gospel of Christ, God will surely bless His Word and cause us to bear fruit that will abound to your account in due season. While distributing Gospel tracts last month I encountered a member of the "New Heaven and Earth" cult who identified herself after receiving one of our Gospel tracts. Seeking out those who are deceived by cult teachings can certainly be an unwise use of time, however I praise the Lord that He allowed a civil conversation to take place that day in which I was able to clearly present the Gospel to this lady who was likely encountering the truth for the first time. I pray that the Lord will work in her heart and lead her to eternal salvation.

In this past month of February, the special three-day holiday of the Lunar New Year was celebrated across Korea. While many people observe customs and heed superstitions that have roots in Confucian, shamanistic, and Buddhist traditions, the holiday is primarily a time for visiting one's hometown and being together with family. Right before the holiday I was able to distribute many thorough Gospel tracts near a busy traditional market to those buying supplies for the Lunar New Year festivities. During the holiday our daughters helped Sarah make the traditional rice-cake soup which we thoroughly enjoyed eating. Our family also enjoyed flying kites together which is a fun Lunar New Year tradition observed by many children in Korea. On the part of the holiday period that fell on a Sunday, JoAnn and Hannah wore their traditional Korean dresses and sang (in Korean) the hymn "Redeemed" as a special song before the preaching that day. It is our prayer that our oldest daughter would soon come to fully understand the words of that great hymn and make the decision to trust the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation.

Thank you for praying for our family's health and wellbeing. We are so excited to announce that the Lord has chosen to bless us with baby number three who is due to be born in August! So far Sarah and the baby are doing well. Our daughters are very excited about this new addition to our family! Please pray with us that this little one would be delivered without complications, trust Christ for salvation at an early age, and serve the Lord faithfully until He returns in the clouds for His own.

Thank you for praying for us as we plant Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the heart of our city of Busan. Last month we created a church YouTube channel with the hope that the Lord might use this tool to further spread the Gospel, helping those that are seeking the truth to find our church where they can come to hear the Word of God and be dealt with personally. At the beginning of last month, the young man who was faithfully attending our church moved up to the capital city of Seoul due to his job. Though we were sad to see him go, I was so glad to discover that he was moving very close to a solid independent Baptist church pastored by a godly national pastor whom I personally know. After praying that the Lord would continue to guide him, I called Pastor Lee and entrusted the young man to his care. It was a blessing to learn that the young man has been faithfully attending that church and had even brought a coworker with him who, after counseling with Pastor Lee, made a profession of faith in Christ for salvation. Last week the young man messaged me, telling me that the Lord had put him in contact with a man in Busan who was interested in salvation and who promised to visit our church. We are praying that this man would come and that we might be able to lead him to Christ. Last Sunday we had to deal with an unpleasant situation after the service. A lady had been attending our church off and on for some time, often arriving late and leaving as soon as the service ended. After missing some opportunities to inquire more thoroughly into her background, last Sunday I finally took the opportunity before she left to ask her if she had a clear testimony of salvation. After hearing her "testimony of salvation," which, in addition to a vague profession of having "believed for a long time," included confidence in having spoken in "tongues" and extensive boasting in her good works as "proof" of her having received salvation, I told her that what she was describing was not the biblical testimony that a truly saved person gives. She then became upset and demonstrated a defiant spirit as she vocalized a strong belief in several erroneous teachings including rejecting the important Bible doctrine of the eternal security of the believer. I told her that while it is true that a child of God will not live a wicked life, anyone who adamantly rejects the Bible's clear teaching concerning the eternal security of a truly saved person is giving strong indication of having never truly trusted the Lord Jesus Christ alone for eternal life. Unfortunately, she did not receive this or any of the other things I tried to convey to her. After listening to her objections and witnessing her opposition to the truth that I had preached, Sarah and I had no choice but to thank her for coming and then tell her that it would be very difficult for her to continue with us. We certainly wish we could have helped this lady but now we feel as though the Lord has removed an obstacle from our path and given us the chance for a new start as we actively seek to reach lost souls and trust Him to send new people to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Please pray that the Lord would continue to enable us, give us wisdom, help us to grow in our role as His servants, and use us for His glory as we labor to communicate the Gospel of Christ to the Korean people here in Busan.

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