



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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We hope you are well and are enjoying the blessings of our Lord. Thank you so much for your sacrificial financial support and faithful prayers! We praise the Lord for His provision, protection, and enabling. By the grace of God, Sarah and the baby still seem to be doing well. JoAnn and Hannah are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their baby sister who is due to be born around the third week of August. Please continue to pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

In the month of June we again placed thorough Gospel tracts into the hands of many lost souls around Busan. Though so many here are blinded by materialism, false religion, and even atheism, we are confident that the Lord is at work as we seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Christ. The burden of our hearts is to effectively communicate the truth of the Gospel to those who have yet to be properly introduced to it. Since these people make up the vast majority of our city's population, we certainly need wisdom from the Lord as we work to make personal connections with people that our Lord Jesus Christ desires to save. It is an encouragement to remember that according to the book of Acts, the Gospel spread not only among Jews that already had an understanding of the Scriptures, but also among Gentiles that had no biblical foundation whatsoever. We are trusting the Lord to make us effective missionaries that bear fruit for the glory of God in this spiritually dark mission field.

While distributing Gospel tracts across the street from the main train station in Busan recently, the Lord again providentially caused my path to cross with a lady who had previously visited our church once last year and twice the year before. During our brief encounter I encouraged her to visit Jungbu Independent Baptist Church again. By the grace of God, the lady came on the final Sunday of June and listened intently while the Gospel was preached. Though she left immediately after the service ended, we were very happy to welcome her again! Last month, it was also a joy to see Mr. Pak, whom we have mentioned in previous letters, attend several Sunday and Wednesday services. After coming and hearing several Gospel messages, he raised his hand during an invitation time indicating that he desired to be saved. That night after the service, I again personally shared the Gospel with him. However, because of the medication he takes and other challenges that he is suffering from, it has been difficult to ascertain exactly how much Mr. Pak actually understands. Though he appears to listen intently to the preaching, he often abruptly tries to change the subject when I personally share the Gospel with him. Please continue to pray as we seek to patiently lead this man to Christ. Throughout last month I kept in contact with the other man we mentioned in our previous letter, Mr. Lee. Though he has expressed his disinterest in returning to our church, he has contacted me several times mainly to complain about the difficulties that he is experiencing. Like so many here he seems to be consumed with "getting rich." I have used our Lord's warning in Matthew 16:26 ("For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?") as a springboard for briefly sharing the Gospel with Mr. Lee several times last month. Please continue to pray for this man's salvation as we patiently work to lead him to Christ.

Last week I saw the President of Korea's motorcade pass by when he traveled through our church's neighborhood during a visit to Busan! It was a pertinent reminder to pray both for the President and also for the other government leaders whose decisions impact our daily lives. May the Lord allow us to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty until our Savior appears in the clouds for His own.

Thank you for praying for our immigration appointment last month. After a fair amount of research, I was confident that I satisfied the strict requirements for obtaining a long-term resident visa. At the initial appointment I submitted more than twenty documents. However, during my second interview with the immigration officer, I was told that, although all other requirements were met, the financial support that we receive cannot legally be recognized as income; therefore we would not be granted the long-term resident visa that we applied for. While the immigration officer did grant a two-year extension of the visa we currently have, our concern is that with this current visa I cannot register the church we are planting nor legally serve as its leader. This situation could result in future legal difficulties for us; therefore we are seeking wisdom from the Lord as to what we should do. Just as we are relying on the Lord to enable us to bear fruit in due season, we are also trusting Him to protect us from harm while we do His work. Thank you so much for your faithful partnership! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

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