



# 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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It is our great privilege to be partnered together with each of our supporting churches for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people. Our family counts it a great honor to represent you in this part of the Lord's harvest field where there is such a need for the truth to be proclaimed. We are always mindful that it is your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support that enable us to obey God's call and serve Him here in our mission field of Busan, Korea. Thank you for praying for Sarah and our third daughter who is due to be born around the third week of this month. Please continue to pray that the Lord would grant us a safe delivery of a healthy baby girl. The fourth Sunday of July marked two years since we started holding regular services at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the central district of our city. Over the past two years, the Lord has used various ministry experiences to teach us important lessons and has granted us precious opportunities to personally share the life-changing Gospel of Christ with a number of lost souls. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's mercy, grace, provision, and enabling. In the time since we officially began this ministry back in July of 2022, Sarah and I have placed thorough Gospel tracts into the hands of the numerical equivalent of 1.2% of Busan's population of 3.4 million people. In this same time period the Lord has allowed us to welcome twenty-nine visitors to our church. Materialism, pride, Atheism, humanism, Buddhism, Shamanism, unbiblical forms of so-called "Christianity," various cult groups, and other manifestations of spiritual wickedness are real challenges that we face as we labor to lead souls to Christ and plant a biblical church in the field of our calling. A national pastor friend recently reminded me that it indeed takes a great deal of time to plant a truly biblical church. While the desire to bear fruit for the glory of God weighs heavy on our hearts, we know that, according to Psalm 127:1, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Therefore, we will continue to trust the Lord while holding fast to the faith once delivered to the saints and working to faithfully communicate the glorious Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation. Though our expectations for growth have been challenged by the realities of our field, we are still confident that the Lord is at work in the ministry He has called us to. While Mr. Lee did not come to any services last month and Mr. Pak called after attending a Wednesday evening Bible study to say that he would not be returning in the future, I was contacted by several other individuals who inquired about our church. One man who called said that he had read the Gospel tract which I gave him four months prior and that he wanted to meet and receive counsel from me in the near future! We are praying that the Lord would allow a break in this man's busy work schedule so that we may personally share the Gospel with him. In the first week of July a lady called, requesting that I witness to her father. The lady (who lives far away in Seoul) had recently received Christ as her Savior and had subsequently developed a burden for her father (who lives not far from our church building) to experience the same miracle of salvation. The lady traveled down from Seoul and brought her father to see me. I did my best to carefully present the Gospel to him; however, it was obvious that he was uninterested in the truth. I was grateful for the privilege to share the Gospel with him again when he returned with his daughter the following Sunday. In spite of my calling him and encouraging him to come, he has not returned since; yet we continue to pray that this elderly man would respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in his heart. Last Sunday, on our church's two-year anniversary, a man who recently moved to Busan visited our church for the first time. He listened intently as I preached from John chapter three on the necessity of being born again by trusting the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ alone for eternal salvation. However, as we talked after the service, I discovered that this man was passionate about discussing various "conspiracy theories" and was clearly deceived about his spiritual condition. He mistakenly thinks that he is saved because his life changed after recently being convinced of the existence of God. That day I shared several Scriptures with him and invited him to return. Please pray the Lord would use us to lead this man to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God. Please also pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and help us to expand our outreach in this spiritually dark city. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

Your Missionary,

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