



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We hope you are well and standing firm on the sure promises of God in these final days before our Savior's return in the clouds to catch away His own. September 29th marked the seventh anniversary of our family's arrival in Korea as missionaries. As we reflect on seven years of ministry among the Korean people, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His mercy, provision, protection, and enabling. We also greatly appreciate the prayers and financial support which you have sacrificially invested in our ministry. What a privilege it is for our family to represent you as we labor to proclaim the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ here in Busan, Korea! Our desire is to bear fruit that abounds to your account for the glory of God. Last month the special three-day harvest holiday called *Chuseok* was celebrated on the Korean peninsula. Millions of people traveled to visit their relatives across the country and many of these also performed the customary Confucian ancestor-worship rituals as well. Our family enjoyed spending quality time together during this major holiday that is so important to Korean people. Each of our girls are doing well and seem to be growing up so fast! We are happily adjusting to being a family of five. It is a wonderful blessing to see the love that JoAnn and Hannah have for their new little sister, Anna. Last month our family safely traveled up to Seoul and successfully completed the steps necessary to establish our newborn daughter's U.S. citizenship at the American Embassy. Now we must obtain Anna's visa from the Korean immigration authorities. Thank you for praying for us while we take care of these important matters. Around the time of Anna's birth, I began intermittently experiencing the painful symptoms of a kidney stone. A visit to the large hospital in our neighborhood at the beginning of last month confirmed that I needed to seek treatment. Thankfully, I was able to find a urology clinic nearby and receive treatment that very day. After this treatment and two weeks of taking the prescribed medications, the kidney stone reduced in size and finally passed. Through this experience I was reminded both of my own frailty and also of the goodness of the Lord who granted healing in a timely manner. Last month I continued with daily Gospel tract distribution at various points across our city. While the vast majority of those we encounter here are captivated by the spirit of the age and distracted by the dissonance of conflicting ideas, we count it a great privilege to shine the light of the Gospel in this spiritually dark mission field. Our constant prayer is that the Lord would bless His Word and use us to lead precious souls to Christ. This last Saturday while passing out tracts in one of the busiest pedestrian areas in our city, a man came up to me and said, "Are you missionary Andrew Brown? A while back I received a pamphlet from you which I thoroughly read." During our conversation, I learned that this man had recently moved down to Busan from Seoul. When I invited him to visit our church, he said, "Oh I am Catholic." To which I replied, "Catholics are welcome to visit our church!" We are praying that this man would soon attend the services of Jungbu Independent Baptist Church, listen carefully to the true Gospel, turn to Christ in saving faith, and experience the life-transforming miracle of salvation. In our last two letters we asked prayer for a man who began attending our church after finding our church's website back in July. After attending every Sunday in August, this man also came three Sundays in row during September. However, he has not returned in the last two weeks. Each of the eight times that he visited our church I did my best to share the truths found in Scripture pertaining to eternal life with him. It is our prayer that the seed planted in his heart would result in this man recognizing his need to make the decision to personally trust the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. Back in April it was a joy to introduce a man, Mr. Lee, to the Word of God and share the glorious truth of the Gospel with him when he first came to our church several months after receiving a Gospel tract. As is the case with so many Korean people, the truths concerning the true God, righteousness, sin, eternal judgement, and the eternal salvation found only in Jesus Christ are unfamiliar to Mr. Lee who does not have a religious background. Though I subsequently met with him twice and shared the Gospel with him several times in text message conversations, he did not return after his two initial visits and even expressed total disinterest both in the Gospel and in the prospect of coming again to our services. However, last week we saw the Lord answer your and our prayers when Mr. Lee unexpectedly attended our Wednesday evening Bible study. We were overjoyed to welcome him again! Trusting the Lord to bless His Word, I did my best to expound the Scriptures and clearly present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. While he did not get saved that night, Mr. Lee did seem to listen much more intently than before. When we talked after the service, he promised to think about the truth that he heard. I am confident that the Lord is at work in Mr. Lee's life. Please continue to pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and help us to lead him to a saving knowledge of Christ. Please also continue to pray that the Lord would enable us to be effective missionaries for His glory and that He would send more visitors (including those who have contacted us recently) to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the coming days. Thank you so much for your steadfast partnership with us! May the Lord bless and keep you as you serve Him.

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