



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We are so grateful for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! Thank you so much for standing with us as we obey God's call and serve Him here in our mission field of Busan, Korea. October was an exciting month of ministry for our family. We praise the Lord for how He answered our prayers! Last month we welcomed newcomers to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church as well as others who returned after their initial visit. On the first Wednesday of October one man came to our evening Bible study after receiving a Gospel tract from me that very day near the main train station in our city. While the man resides far away in a city located in the northwest part of Korea, he expressed interest in coming to our church again when he returns to visit family who live in Busan. Around the beginning of last month, Sarah was riding a city bus with our three daughters when she had a conversation with a friendly lady seated in front of them. Sarah was able to give this lady one of our Gospel tracts and invite her to our church. After contacting me a few days later, this lady attended our Wednesday evening Bible study. She also returned the following week—this time bringing a friend with her. The lady indicated that she had a "Christian" background; however, this does not mean that she has a biblical understanding of true salvation. The sad reality is that, despite the polished facade that Korean Protestantism enthusiastically tries to portray, a myriad of false teachings, including false gospels, are being propagated through unbiblical churches across the nation. Nearly all the self-proclaimed "Christians" that I have personally met here have no biblical testimony of salvation. Therefore, when visitors come who have this background, we take special care to explain exactly what the Scriptures teach concerning reconciliation with God by trusting the crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ alone for eternal salvation. While we do our best to minister to all who come our way, the burden of our hearts is to effectively communicate the truth of the Gospel to those who do not have even a nominally Christian background. Since these people make up the vast majority of our city's population, we are seeking wisdom from the Lord so that we might expand our outreach and effectively reach those who identify as non-religious, atheist, or Buddhist. 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. This past month Sarah and I greatly rejoiced when Mr. Lee (the non-religious man we mentioned in our last prayer) came to three of our Wednesday evening services and again heard thorough presentations of the Gospel! Like so many here who are also captivated by the spirit of the age, Mr. Lee's pragmatic, skeptical, relativistic, and yet slightly superstitious worldview is a major barrier preventing him from properly understanding the Gospel and the foundational truths of the Bible. However, in spite of his skepticism and seeming lack of real interest in the truth, it is evident that the Lord is at work in Mr. Lee's life. Each time he came I endeavored to present the truths about God and the eternal life found only in Jesus Christ to him, all the while emphasizing the reliability of the Bible and the veracity of the Gospel. The Lord has definitely allowed our relationship with Mr. Lee to deepen and it seems that this is the reason he keeps returning to our church. While we work to lead this man to Christ, I believe the Lord is going to use him to help me learn how to be a more effective communicator of the Gospel. Please continue to pray with us that Mr. Lee would turn to Christ in genuine faith and experience the miracle of salvation soon. While I was distributing Gospel tracts last Monday near our home, a man hopped off his bicycle and enthusiastically greeted me. It turned out that the man had visited our church back in 2023 several months after receiving a Gospel tract from Sarah. There on the sidewalk, we had a brief but pleasant conversation during which he told me that he sometimes thinks about the truths he heard at our church and occasionally rereads the text messages in which I had shared the Gospel with him. While the desire to bear fruit weighs heavy on my heart, I am so grateful for the opportunity to be used by the Lord to sow the seed in the hearts of lost souls here. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would enable and empower us to be effective missionaries for the glory of God. May the Lord bless and keep you as you serve Him.

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