



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We hope you 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 as we serve Him here in our mission field. Korea has long had the custom of marking a new baby's one hundredth day with a family celebration. On the last Sunday of November we enjoyed Anna's *baek-il* (백일) or one hundredth day together and thanked the Lord for the health of this precious addition to our family. At the beginning of this past month, I shared a meal with Mr. Lee, the non-religious man we mentioned in our last prayer letter. During our conversation, he asked questions about sin and judgement which provided an excellent opportunity to again thoroughly share the Gospel with him. He is worried about an upcoming operation to remove cataracts. I am praying that the Lord will use this to draw Mr. Lee to Himself for salvation. Each day last month I distributed our Gospel tracts at various points across Busan. I was grateful for the opportunity to briefly share the Gospel with one lady who received a tract from me, as well as to share the Gospel with a young man who called me after finding our church information on the internet. Recently, it seems that I have been receiving more calls and text messages from those inquiring about our church or asking spiritual questions. However, not all that contact me have a genuine interest in hearing the truth, as was the case recently when one man who received a Gospel tract called to argue with me about his heretical beliefs. We certainly need wisdom from the Lord so that we may properly deal with those that we encounter and make wise use of our time in these last days before our Savior returns in the clouds for His own. I was reminded recently of the spiritual reality of our field when several individuals came not far from where I was distributing Gospel tracts and began vocally promoting "homosexual rights" after setting up signs and hanging banners promoting their cause. The sad reality is that the vast majority of the people here in Busan are captivated by the spirit of the age and are suffering from spiritual blindness. Our task as ambassadors for Christ is to politely yet faithfully proclaim the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would enable us to effectively shine the light of the Gospel and bear fruit for the glory of God here in this spiritually dark city.

Thank you so much for praying for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. We rejoiced last month as the Lord sent a number of people to the services of our church! A man who came eight weeks in a row before abruptly stopping, surprisingly showed up again on the first Sunday of November after many weeks of absence. The lady who initially came after receiving a Gospel tract from Sarah while riding a city bus back in October also came this past month to three Wednesday evening Bible studies, twice bringing different friends along with her! Another lady attended the last two Wednesday evening Bible studies of the month after receiving a Gospel tract from us. Two other ladies (separately) came to Sunday morning services after finding our church website. Another lady came twice after being referred to our church by a relative (who lives in America and also found our website.) On the last Sunday of November an elderly lady who received a tract from me came, bringing a young man with her. However, these two individuals indicated by the behavior they exhibited after the service that they would likely continue to cause trouble should they come again in the future. We are grateful for every person that visited last month, and we desire to help each one that comes our way. However, it is very evident that we need wisdom and discernment from the Lord so that we may appropriately minister to these recent visitors and lead them to a saving knowledge of Christ. Our prayer is that Jungbu Independent Baptist Church would not simply be a place where those who already happen to be so inclined can casually attend in order to feel good about themselves nor a place where manipulative methods are used to control people but rather that it would become a true New Testament local church through which lost souls from various (especially non-Christian) backgrounds are miraculously saved, baptized, and become true disciples of Christ for the glory of God.

So that you can perhaps be better equipped to pray for our family as we serve the Lord here in Korea, we have made a new update video. It is our hope that the footage taken around our city and at our church might help you to more fully understand both the challenges and blessings we are experiencing, as well as allow you to pray even more knowledgeably for our ministry and family. We encourage those who are interested to access this video report through our website: [gospeltokorea.org](http://gospeltokorea.org)

In closing, we would like to present a special prayer request to you. Our home church pastor has given his blessing for us to take a short trip to see our loved ones. We will be in the United States for about three and a half weeks, departing Korea on December 16th and returning on January 10th, Lord willing. Several factors, such as the fact that we are currently planting a church, prevent us from being away from the work for an extended period at this stage in our ministry. We ask that you please pray that the Lord would bless this precious time with our family, help our three young daughters to endure the long flights, protect us throughout this great journey, and bring us back safely to the work that we have been called to. Thank you so much for your kindness and faithfulness! May the Lord bless you!

Your Missionary,

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