



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our great privilege to be partnered with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people here in the city of Busan. We pray that your sacrificial investment in the Lord's work through us will result in eternal dividends abounding to your account for the glory of God. Thank you so much for praying for our family's recent trip to the United States. The Lord truly blessed our journey. Every moment that we were able to spend with our dear family was so precious. It was a great blessing and encouragement to be at Madison Baptist Church with our pastor and home church family for several services. I had the privilege to preach there on the first Sunday evening of the new year and on that same night we publicly dedicated Hannah and Anna to the Lord. My younger brother and sister-in-law also dedicated my dear nephew to the Lord that evening as well which made it a truly memorable occasion. We were especially grateful to the Lord for letting us see my grandfather, Brother Bill Boruff, right before he passed away on January 6th. The Lord used this faithful preacher, church planter, pastor, Bible teacher, and soul winner mightily over the course of his decades-long ministry. Though I will miss him for now, I rejoice in the fact that my Papaw finished his course with joy and is now in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On January 9th, we bid farewell to my parents and siblings in Alabama. Three flights later, (including a sixteen-hour, non-stop flight from Atlanta to Incheon, Korea) we arrived in Busan on January 10th. We praise the Lord for bringing us safely back home after allowing us to travel more than 16,000 miles over the course of our entire journey to and from the United States. We are so glad to be back at work in the field that the Lord has called us to! Despite the recent frigid temperatures, I restarted daily Gospel tract distribution at various points across our city. Shortly after we returned to Korea, I had lunch with Mr. Lee (the non-religious man we have been working to lead to Christ for the past months). When I attempted to again present the Gospel, it was disappointing to hear him callously say, "I don't need eternal life." It is evident that we need to keep patiently sowing the seed while praying that the Lord would continue to work on this man's heart. God has certainly been merciful and patient with me; as the Holy Spirit enables me I must show patience and compassion to those I have been called to reach. While one man who visited our church once last August surprisingly recently attended a Wednesday evening Bible study and again heard the Gospel, those who had been coming regularly on either Sunday or Wednesday night right before our trip to America have yet to come back to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church this year. With anticipation for how the Lord will work through us in this new year, I ordered 30,000 copies of our thorough Gospel tract to be reprinted. We are praying that God will bless His Word as it is distributed this year. During the final week of January, the special three-day holiday of the Lunar New Year was celebrated across Korea. While many people observe customs and heed superstitions that have roots in Confucian, shamanistic, and Buddhist traditions, the holiday is primarily a time for visiting one's hometown and being together with family. During the holiday our daughters helped Sarah make the traditional rice-cake soup which we thoroughly enjoyed eating. Our family also visited the historic city of Gyeongju (founded in 57 B.C.) where JoAnn and Hannah enjoyed flying kites which is a fun Lunar New Year tradition observed by many children in Korea. While the Lunar New Year holiday this year was indeed a joyous time for many, the festive atmosphere was dampened somewhat by the serious political crisis that still plagues Korea. Ever since President Yoon suddenly declared martial law, sending armed special forces troops into the parliament building and election commission headquarters back in December, the nation has suffered from economic duress and political chaos. Even though the state of martial law ended just hours after it began, the consequences of this event have been far reaching. The president has been impeached and is currently on trial for sedition. The president's political party and the opposition party are deadlocked in a fight for power. There is an air of uncertainty as the Constitutional Court judges deliberate whether to uphold the National Assembly's vote to impeach President Yoon. Though most citizens initially opposed the president's authoritarian actions, the rabid quest of the opposition party to fill the power vacuum and take control of the country has caused many to react in disgust. The nation now seems to be divided politically. Accusations of corruption, unpatriotic actions, and undemocratic behavior are being leveled by all sides at each other. At times, the tension between the supporters and critics of the imprisoned president is palpable even on the streets of our city. As is always the case with politics, there are various forces active at the same time. Fringe elements on both sides of the political spectrum have captivated the hearts of many here. Some have fallen prey to strong delusions. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this whole complex political situation is the role that a pastor of an unbiblical church (and propagator of egregious false doctrines) is playing in the movement supporting the president. This false teacher has stirred up many people of various religious backgrounds at his political rallies with provocative rhetoric. Purported followers of this wicked man were among those who recently stormed a court building, assaulted police officers, and in a violent frenzy caused a great deal of damage. Some media outlets reported that it was largely "Christians" who committed these crimes. This obviously creates difficulties for those of us tasked with being ambassadors for Christ in this spiritually dark mission field where the majority come from a non-Christian background and often have a negative view of Christianity. We certainly need wisdom from the Lord as we seek to be effective missionaries here. Please pray with us that the Lord would protect us, preserve our freedom to minister, and bring an end to this political crisis according to His will. Please also pray that the Lord would help us expand our outreach in Busan and that He would send more visitors to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church in the coming days who would trust Christ for salvation and become His true disciples. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

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