



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings from Busan, Korea. We thank God for granting our family the great privilege of serving as Christ's ambassadors here in this mission field where there is such a need for the true Gospel to be faithfully proclaimed. While our city is indeed a place of great spiritual darkness, it is also a place where the natural wonders of our Lord's creation can be readily enjoyed. Tens of thousands of cherry trees can be found all across our city which bloom spectacularly every year at the end of March. Young and old alike throng to admire the stunning blossoms. The beauty that we appreciated again this year is a testimony of the Lord's goodness and also a reminder of His future plan for new heavens and a new earth. However, even as we were enjoying lovely spring weather down in Busan, other regions were suffering from major forest fires. One particular fire that raged in a rural area about three hours north of our city was reported to be the worst ever to occur in Korea. Thirty people were killed and several villages were completely destroyed by the fast-moving flames. This tragedy is a poignant reminder of the urgency of our mission. We, along with the lost souls that we encounter here, have no guarantee of tomorrow. The time to be busy communicating the life-changing Gospel of Christ is today. Thank you so much for partnering together with us in the Lord's work. We praise God for sending two new visitors our way last month. As we seek new avenues through which we might connect with lost souls for the purpose of leading them to Christ, we continue to ask the Lord to send people who are seeking the truth to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. While the spiritual realities of our field and the subsequent difficulties in bearing fruit we experience challenge our faith at times, we have no choice but to press on and trust the Lord to bring the increase in His perfect time. Please continue to lift us up to the Lord in prayer. There is still so much that we need to learn about our field and the people that our Lord desires us to reach; yet ultimately only He can make us truly effective missionaries. We are very grateful for the freedom that we have to minister here and especially for the ability to distribute thorough Gospel tracts across our bustling city. Last Saturday afternoon, a man called me and inquired about our church. He told me that his mother had received a Gospel tract from me several weeks prior, and that instead of throwing it away had brought it home with her. Though skeptical at first, the man eventually took the time to read the entire tract and subsequently contacted me after visiting our church website. We talked for a while on the phone, and I encouraged him to come and listen to the preaching of the Word of God at our church. I am praying that we might lead this man to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in the coming days. It is so encouraging to remember that the Lord is often at work when we least expect it. In closing, we again ask that you pray for us as we seek to minister in the midst of the political turmoil that is gripping Korea. After repeatedly postponing the public announcement of its ruling, the Constitutional Court has finally decided to declare whether it will uphold the National Assembly's decision to impeach President Yoon on Friday, April 4th. In the unlikely event of the court overturning the impeachment decision, the president (who suddenly declared martial law back in December) will be reinstated to power. However, the much more likely scenario is that he will be permanently removed from office. If so, the constitution mandates that a presidential election be held exactly sixty days later. Various political forces in the country continue to jockey for power and control. The current volatile situation may lead to civil unrest across Korea in the coming days. Regardless of what happens, it is our earnest prayer that our freedom to minister and preach the Gospel here in our mission field of Busan would not be impeded. May the Lord's will be done. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! May our Lord bless you as you serve Him.

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