



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We are so grateful for the faithful partnership of our supporting churches as we proclaim the Gospel and seek to lead souls to Christ here in our mission field of Busan, Korea for the glory of God. Thank you so much for your sacrificial support and faithful prayers! It is because of your dedication to the Lord and His work that we can obey His calling on our lives and serve Him here in this place of great spiritual darkness. By the grace of God, we are all well and each of our daughters continue to grow up quickly. God has truly blessed us in so many ways! Sarah and I praise the Lord for granting us the privilege of raising these precious girls and allowing us to serve Him as missionaries together as a family. Please pray with us that our oldest daughter, JoAnn, would fully understand her spiritual condition and make the decision to trust Christ for salvation soon.

Last month the Constitutional Court ruled to uphold the National Assembly's decision to impeach President Yoon. Though large-scale pro and anti-impeachment rallies were held across the nation, thankfully, from the time of the president's official removal from office until he vacated the presidential residence days later, Korea did not suffer from civil unrest. However, a very consequential presidential election will be held on June third. As is the case around the world, societal norms continue to change in Korea and many people are captivated by the spirit of the age. Ambitious, self-centered politicians are often the perfect conduit for the erosion of personal freedoms and the expansion of government overreach. We know that it is the Lord who "setteth up kings" and that the hearts of national leaders are in His sovereign hand. Yet, as I Timothy 2:2 instructs us, we pray that our Lord would allow us to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, and that our ability to do the work we have been called to do would not be impeded by whomever is elected as South Korea's new president next month. Regardless of the election outcome, we need wisdom and enabling from the Lord in order to be effective ambassadors for Christ that are able to reach lost souls who have varying political views.

Thank you so much for faithfully praying for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Last month, we welcomed one first-time visitor who came after finding our church website. In addition, two other individuals contacted me and inquired about our church. Yesterday, while passing out Gospel tracts a few blocks from our church facility, I had a conversation with a man who had greeted me kindly when he first received a Gospel tract from me many months prior. I again gave him a tract and invited him to come hear the Word of God at our church. As we parted ways, he asked me to pray for him. Please pray that these people and those who contacted me last month would come, listen intently to the Gospel message, and experience the miracle of salvation.

For many months now we have been working to lead a non-religious man (Mr. Lee) to Christ. At times he suffers from severe depression. Last month he reached out to me and seemed to be contemplating taking his own life. I met him for coffee and did my best to be a good listener. After listening for quite a while I was able to again present the Gospel to him. However, he responded to the truth by saying firmly, "I will not believe." On another occasion during a text message conversation, he said, "My life has no meaning." When I responded by explaining through several Scripture verses how one can find ultimate meaning by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ, being reconciled to God, and receiving eternal life, he angrily responded by saying, "I hate religion!" Though his attitude grieves me, I know that I must patiently and prayerfully continue to work to lead Mr. Lee to a saving knowledge of Christ.

The beautiful spring weather that the Lord blessed us with throughout the month of April allowed for even more Gospel tract distribution at many locations across Busan. However, spring is a time when various religions in our city engage in special proselytization efforts each year. Recently, while distributing Gospel tracts on a bustling sidewalk in the center of our city, there were three teams from the New Heaven and Earth cult, a team from the Jeungsando cult, a person distributing literature from an unbiblical Protestant church, and a person distributing copies of the Lotus Sutra (법화경, a Buddhist scripture) all within a 250-foot radius of me. Of course, all of this was taking place under the colorful lanterns which line the streets in honor of "Buddha's Birthday" which is a national holiday that will be celebrated across Korea next week. Buddhism is quite strong in our city compared to other regions in Korea. However, as is the case all over Korea, more than half of our city's population identifies as "non-religious." The spiritual noisiness that is prevalent, that is, the fact that so many religious groups and even extreme cults noisily compete for the attention of the people in our city causes many here to detest anything having to do with "religion." As we minister in Busan we encounter a perplexing paradox—Korean people are generally polite, friendly, tolerant, and kind; yet when it comes to spiritual things it seems that nearly all of those we have been called to reach have hearts of stone. While the realities of our field can be discouraging at times, we are trusting the Holy Spirit to teach us, guide us, and ultimately make us effective missionaries that bear fruit for the glory of God in this spiritually dark mission field. Thank you so much for partnering together with us in the Lord's work! May God bless you as you serve Him!

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