



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Thank you so much for faithfully partnering together with us in the work that God has called us to do! Our family is so grateful for how the Lord uses your sacrifice to sustain us as we seek to bear fruit that abounds to your account for the glory of God here in our mission field of Busan, Korea. Thank you so much for praying for our family and ministry! By the grace of God, many lost souls across our city received a thorough Gospel tract from us last month. We have been amazed at how the Lord has been working through us at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church recently! On the fourth Sunday of July, we celebrated the third anniversary of our first service with seven people (besides our family) in attendance! By the grace of God, we saw a total of twelve first-time visitors come over the course of the month! We were especially glad to welcome a young mother and her infant daughter (who live near our church building) to three consecutive Sunday services in July. Twice this lady also brought her seven-year-old nephew along with her. Sarah had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with this young fellow during Sunday School each time he came. However, the young mother seems to be one who is used to imposing her will on others. She has tried to interfere inappropriately with the Sunday School program both times that her nephew has attended. We need wisdom from the Lord so that we may deal kindly with her and gently lead her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. God is indeed at work at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church, yet as was the case for Nehemiah, we do have an adversary that seeks opportunities to hinder what is being accomplished. Please pray with us that the Lord would continue to enable us and protect the ministry He has called us to.

The greatest blessing from this past month (and perhaps of our entire ministry in Korea to date) was the privilege we had to minister to a lady named Go Yeon Suk (고연숙). In the second week of July, Miss Go called me inquiring about our church. On the third Sunday of the month, she came to the Sunday service. She told us, "I received that pamphlet [one of our Gospel tracts] from you two weeks ago. I read it thoroughly and decided that I needed to come to this church. I have been a Buddhist all my life and this is my first time to ever be in a Christian church." During the service she listened intently as the Gospel was proclaimed and defended. After the service was over, I again shared the Gospel as well as my personal testimony of salvation with her. As I was explaining what the Bible says about how one can receive the gift of eternal life, she surprised me by saying, "Can I make this decision right now?" After I did my best to check her understanding, of her own volition Miss Go made a profession of faith in Christ for salvation. However, the next Sunday she came early and asked to speak with me. She said, "I prayed to God last week but after a couple of days the spiritual torment [that she attributed to ghosts] occurred again. I even went to the Buddhist temple yesterday to get help." I was perplexed and not a little bit disappointed at her words. I then shared the Gospel with her and explained the truths pertaining to assurance found in Romans 8:37-39. After the service, I counseled with her at length. I showed her what the Bible teaches about the spiritual realm. I also presented the Gospel again, this time giving more emphasis to both its trustworthiness and its exclusivity. As I was explaining from the Bible that in order to be saved one has to trust the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as one's only Savior from the penalty of sin, she expressed confusion about the concept of sin and said that she was primarily interested in receiving relief from the anxiety that she suffers from. Realizing that she had not yet properly understood the Gospel, I said to her, "Ma'am, you want help from God, but you must first be reconciled to Him and become His child in order to experience the help that He gives. You cannot trust Christ alone for salvation until you properly recognize your sin and guilt before the Lord." As I shared more Scripture verses with her, we seemed to experience a breakthrough. She gave evidence to having finally understood what the Bible teaches about eternal salvation. That day (the third anniversary of our church) Miss Go asked the Lord Jesus to save her from the penalty of sin and said, "Today I have recognized my sin before God and have made the decision to trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone for my eternal salvation." While only the Lord knows the true reality of her spiritual condition, we were very encouraged when she returned last Wednesday night and gave a coherent testimony of salvation. That night we shared many Scripture verses with her about assurance and Christian growth. It truly is amazing to see what a great miracle the Lord has wrought! All glory and praise belong to Him. Please pray with us that Miss Go would apply God's truth in her life and become a true disciple of Christ in the coming days. 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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