



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that you are well and experiencing God's wonderful blessings. September 29th marked eight years since Sarah, JoAnn, and I arrived here in our mission field of Busan, South Korea back in 2017. After working diligently to assimilate and experiencing the kindness of many Korean people, the place that was once so unfamiliar to us we now gladly call home. We praise God for the abundant mercy, sustaining grace, and countless blessings that He has lovingly bestowed on our family during these years of ministry which have been such an adventure for us. We thank God for how He has used our beloved sending church (Madison Baptist Church of Madison, Alabama) and each of our supporting churches to enable us to obey His call on our lives. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support which have sustained us over the years! It is such a privilege to be partnered together as we seek to proclaim the truth of the Gospel in this place of great spiritual darkness. We look forward with eager anticipation to seeing how the Lord will use our family for His glory to lead Korean people to a saving knowledge of Christ here in the time remaining before our Savior returns in the clouds to catch away His own.

Thank you so much for praying for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. By the grace of God, many thorough Gospel tracts were placed into the hands of lost souls across Busan last month. Several who talked with me after receiving tracts expressed an interest in coming to our services and hearing the Word of God. Mr. Lee, the non-religious man whom we were working to lead to Christ before he cut off all contact with us back in May, unexpectedly called me recently. The Lord opened a door for me to carefully share some spiritual truths during our conversation which thankfully did not provoke an angry response. We continue to pray for this dear man to turn to Christ and experience the miracle of salvation. We also continue to pray for Miss Go, the lifelong Buddhist who came after reading one of our Gospel tracts and made a profession of faith in Christ alone for her eternal salvation back in July. After coming to several consecutive services in August, followed by a period of unexplained absence, she miraculously returned and listened to the Word of God during the first Wednesday evening Bible study of September. We rejoiced at how the Lord had worked to bring about her return. However, she sadly experienced difficulties again that night with her persistent anxiety. She attributed her great emotional discomfort to the presence of a man who began attending our church back in August. Though we did our best to minister to her after the service and subsequently contacted her several times, she has not returned since that night. Please continue to pray that this dear lady will respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Please also pray that the Lord would equip us to properly help those He sends our way.

In these last days before the rapture, it is ever important for the children of God to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." All around the world, unbiblical "Christian" movements abound. False doctrine and deceptive teachings are rapidly spreading. Grievous error sometimes wears a clever disguise. Because deception has such devastating consequences, it is imperative that we who are "in Christ" exercise spiritual discernment and have "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." I have recently become aware of the fact that some conservative media platforms in the United States have mistakenly equated the "right-wing" and "left-wing" political movements in South Korea as being essentially the same as political movements found in the United States. This is a serious error. It appears that powerful political lobbying efforts have resulted in the spread of a distorted narrative. While superficial similarities between the Korean and American political situation have been accentuated by YouTube personalities in both countries, the truth is that there are definitely fundamental differences between the two nations' political realities. Some American conservative media outlets have recently incorrectly reported that religious freedom is under attack in South Korea. While the current government here is certainly capable of making things difficult for us, the recent investigations of several religious leaders and the subsequent (separate) arrests of both a well-known Protestant pastor and also the head of the Unification Church cult are in my opinion most certainly not religious persecution. There is strong evidence of corruption, financial improprieties, illegal lobbying, and blatantly unconstitutional political activities on the part of these individuals and the religious organizations they control. The authorities' lawful prosecution of their crimes is in no way a threat to the religious freedom of the Republic of Korea's citizens nor is it a menace to our ministry whatsoever. However, these current high-profile religious scandals involving both the Unification Church cult and some unbiblical Protestant megachurches do cause many of the souls we are trying to reach to be even more skeptical of "religion" and therefore even more resistant to our biblical evangelism efforts. Unfortunately, the reputation that so-called "Christianity" has in the eyes of the non-Christian majority of Korea's population is quite poor. This, along with the existence of bizarre cults in Korea, is one of the serious challenges to Gospel ministry that we face here. As I contemplate the importance of biblical discernment, the case of the Unification Church (a syncretistic religion founded not far from where our church building is located whose members were in time past known as "Moonies") is of particular interest to me. Today this evil cult (which controls more than \$1 billion in assets around the world) is run by Moon Sun Myung's wife, named Han Hak Ja, who calls herself "the holy mother" and is worshipped as the "mother of the universe" by her followers. While the number of its members in Korea is small, the political influence that this organization wields is quite strong. Sadly, over the years, several high-profile American politicians have wittingly or unwittingly collaborated with the Unification Church. For example, in 2022, former Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Korea and was paid handsomely to speak at a Unification Church event. The current Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office, Charismatic televangelist Paula White, has also participated in Unification Church events as recent as this year and has praised Han Hak Ja, calling her "Mother Moon." It cannot be forgotten that our adversary, the devil, is working day and night to deceive. It is imperative that we properly discern between the false and the true and that we not mix that which is holy with the profane. Even as we pray that God would guide our national leaders and protect us from the evils of socialism, we who belong to the Lord should remember that some of those with whom we very much agree politically may themselves be involved in promoting deception and spiritual wickedness which ultimately lead to destruction. As we ask God to grant us biblical discernment for navigating these complex times, we must keep our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ and the mission He has given us to proclaim His Gospel to the world. May the Lord help us all to firmly reject myths and hold fast to His truth!

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