



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We thank the Lord for your faithfulness in partnering together with our family for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people in this land, that while having many convenient and enjoyable aspects, remains plagued with spiritual darkness. We count it a great privilege to serve as ambassadors for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ while we watch for His imminent appearance in the clouds. Last month, the special three-day harvest holiday called *Chuseok* was celebrated in Korea. Millions of Koreans traveled to visit their relatives across the country and many of these also performed the customary Confucian ancestor-worship rituals as well. This year, following the lunar calendar, *Chuseok* fell between the national holiday commemorating the "founding" of the Korean people and the national holiday that commemorates the creation of the Korean alphabet. This made for an especially festive several days. Leading up to the *Chuseok* holiday, the traditional markets in Busan were packed with people buying needed food supplies for the festivities. Our family enjoyed spending quality time together during this major holiday. By the grace of God, JoAnn, Hannah, and Anna are doing well and growing up fast. Sarah and I have our hands full with little Anna who now can walk so well that we sometimes have to chase her! In the month of October, several history-related festivals were held in Busan. Our girls particularly enjoyed attending a festival celebrating the ancient Dongnae Fortress which is located not far from our home. We are so grateful for the many blessings that God has bestowed on our family.

At the close of last month, several world leaders entered Korea through the airport in our city of Busan before traveling on to the nearby ancient city of Gyeongju for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) multilateral summit. The Republic of Korea had the honor to host this important gathering for the first time in twenty years. After a consequential bilateral meeting with Korean President Lee Jae Myung in Gyeongju, United States President Donald Trump also held a historic trade negotiation meeting with the leader of communist China in a special military facility at our city's airport before concluding his state visit to Korea. Many Korean people took great interest in these events and followed them closely, paying special attention to the outcome of the trade negotiations that will significantly affect the Korean economy which is currently experiencing difficulties in several sectors.

We are so grateful for the freedom we have to minister here in Busan and particularly for the opportunity to distribute our Gospel tracts. By the grace of God, many lost souls across our city were given an opportunity to encounter the life-changing truth of the Gospel when one of our thorough tracts was placed in their hand last month. In the packed urban areas of Korea's major cities, distributing handbills and advertisement flyers to the throngs of people passing by is very common. In addition to those advertising a business or service, various religious groups including cults, unbiblical Protestant churches, and even some Buddhist temples pass out religious literature as well. I have personally observed cult groups and some from unbiblical Protestant churches behaving quite obnoxiously as they try to promote their cause on the sidewalks of our city. All of this frenetic activity does indeed cause most people to ignore anyone who is competing for their attention as they walk past. The aggressive and often impolite tactics of some religious groups cause the many here who do not have any religious background to be even more skeptical. However, although it is by no means a perfect method of evangelism, we have found that politely distributing tracts that thoroughly communicate the Gospel to be a very worthwhile endeavor. Even as we work to develop and maintain personal relationships with lost souls for the sake of leading them to Christ, we have a duty to try to reach the masses of people that we may never have the opportunity to personally connect with. Especially in this digital age when many people seem to be leery of any unsolicited, in-person interaction with a stranger, a tract that adequately presents the truth can be a great tool for Gospel outreach. Though many ignore us, some mock us, and the majority of those who do take the tract we offer them soon discard it, we have seen others carefully read the salvation message from God's Word they have been given. While distributing tracts here over the years, we have had many profitable interactions, some of which have led to opportunities to personally share the Gospel. Some who received a tract and conversed with us have later attended our church services. Recently, near our church building, a man whom I did not recognize took a tract from me and said, "You are Missionary Andrew Brown, aren't you? I have received one of these pamphlets from you before. I think I'll come and attend one of your services sometime soon." Last month, I was contacted by people inquiring about our church whom I had previously met while distributing tracts. We are praying that these and others would come and encounter the Word of God at Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. For the past few weeks, only two men have been faithfully attending our services. One recently moved down from Seoul and has a clear testimony of salvation. The other man has a background in the rank heresies of Pentecostalism. On Wednesday nights in our Bible study, I am preaching through the New Testament book of Ephesians. We are praying that God would work in the lives of these two men according to their individual spiritual needs. We also continue to pray that the Lord would miraculously work and send new people to us that we might lead to Christ, particularly those who have a non-Christian background. While the New Testament does tell us of the many faithful Jews who upon hearing the Gospel believed on the Messiah and were saved, it also records the miraculous conversion of many pagan Gentiles who had no prior experience with the things of God. The Apostle Paul diligently sought to reach these people. According to the Bible, after encountering the bold preaching of Christ's Gospel and the careful, persuasive defense of it, many pagan Gentiles turned from idols and began serving the True and Living God. This is the kind of miracle we are asking the Lord for. It is our earnest desire that God would miraculously work through us for His glory so that Korean souls in Busan would experience life-transforming salvation. Thank you so much for your faithful partnership with us! We so appreciate your sacrificial giving to the Lord on our behalf!

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