



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We hope this update letter finds you well and rejoicing in the goodness of God. We are so thankful to the Lord for providing for our needs and granting us good health. Our family began the year by watching the sun rise up over the East Sea on a very cold first day of January. Around us, many Korean people made wishes and some prayed to false gods for blessings and good luck. We took the opportunity to briefly pray to the True and Living God, asking Him to protect us and use us for His glory in this new year. As we contemplate how we might serve the Lord more effectively in 2026, we remain firmly committed to the sufficiency of Scripture, believing that not special techniques, but rather the Gospel of Christ and the Word of God are what actually change lives and bring about lasting spiritual results. May the Lord help us to reject emotional manipulation and other unbiblical methods of ministry while enabling us to faithfully communicate the Gospel and lead Koreans to a saving knowledge of Christ in the time remaining before He appears in the clouds to catch away His own.

Last month our family traveled several hours and enjoyed a time of fellowship with missionaries and national pastors at the independent Baptist church that graciously serves as the legal sponsor for our visas. A faithful national pastor whom we highly respect delivered a convicting sermon, challenging us to fervently press on for our Lord Jesus Christ regardless of the difficulties that will arise. After the meeting concluded our family enjoyed exploring some historical sites we had not had the chance to visit before. While winters are always cold in Busan, our city's somewhat unique geographical position between mountains and the sea means that we rarely if ever experience snowfall. For that reason it was a special blessing to watch our three daughters enjoy playing in the snow during this trip to the northern part of Korea.

Thank you so much for faithfully praying for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Two different people who received one of our Gospel tracts and one lady who found our church's YouTube channel called me last month inquiring about our church. We pray that these and others we have personally invited recently would come to hear the truth. On the final Wednesday night of January, we bid farewell to a man who had been attending services since July of last year after moving down to Busan from Seoul. This brother (who has a clear testimony of salvation) is now moving to a small city in the southwestern region of Korea. Unfortunately, like so many cities in this country, there is no biblical church anywhere nearby. This highlights the reality of the great need for missionaries and national pastors in our spiritually dark mission field. I did encourage Mr. Kim to travel around two hours by train and visit a national pastor friend's church after his move is completed. We pray that this man will follow the Lord and seek to do His will in the future. Mr. Jang, the young man who made a profession of faith in Christ for salvation after beginning to attend at the end of November, continues faithfully coming each Sunday. Twice last month, Miss Kim (the lady who came after receiving a Gospel tract, heard the Gospel, and got saved at the beginning of November) made the long bus journey to our church from her home in the city of Gimhae. These two listen to the Word of God intently each time they come. Please pray that we may properly teach and help them as they grow in the Lord. We earnestly desire that they would continue to receive the Word of God with gladness and become followers not of us but of their Savior Jesus Christ.

Last year a small company that sells ship parts to Russian vessels that import fish into Busan moved into the office space next door to the place that we lease for our church. While the owner is a Russian lady, the employees are mostly Koreans. On the first Wednesday of January, one of the employees attended our Bible study. Nikita is originally from Minsk, Belarus. He met his Korean wife there while she was studying Russian and then came to Korea with her seven years ago. Last year he completed the arduous process and obtained Korean citizenship. We welcomed him warmly, and I preached the Gospel to him (in Korean) and the other people that were in attendance. That night happened to be the date when those with an Eastern Orthodox religious background celebrate Christmas, and this seems to be the primary reason Nikita came that evening. In the days ahead we hope to reach him, his Korean wife, and their young daughters for Christ. 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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