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THE *Brown Family* MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH KOREA

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Corinthians 4:5*

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings from our mission field of Busan, Korea. Last month the Lord blessed us with lovely spring weather. Our family thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful cherry blossoms and radiant flowers that can be found all over the Korean Peninsula at this time of year. By the grace of God, in the month of April we again placed thorough Gospel tracts directly into the hands of many lost souls at various points around our densely populated city. We received calls from some inquiring about our church and of these I was able to personally share the Gospel with one young man over the phone. Though most of the people we encounter are indifferent, occasionally we are able to engage in meaningful conversation with those who receive a Gospel tract from us. Recently I encountered two ladies who, after receiving a tract from me, announced that they were out proselytizing for a Buddhist denomination. There on the sidewalk we had a lengthy conversation. As is often the case, real life experience can challenge our preconceived ideas. We sometimes dismiss those deceived by false religions such as Buddhism as being ignorant, somehow intellectually deficient, or at least very unhappy. However, this assumption is often incorrect. One of the women had actually been raised in an Evangelical Protestant church before converting to this particular sect of Buddhism. She told of how she had enthusiastically participated in the rituals and "prayer meetings" that are common to most of the unbiblical churches found in Korea before rejecting it all due to its failure to bring her fulfillment and happiness. Of course, I did my best to respectfully disagree with her assertions about Buddhism and share from the Scriptures the truth of the Gospel. Aside from the fact that Korean will always be a second language to him, one of the main challenges that a missionary serving in Korea faces is that those whom he is seeking to minister to often think of themselves as being superior. Utmost care must be exercised, and particularly while witnessing on the street, the missionary must behave very diplomatically even as he confidently proclaims and defends the Gospel of Christ. Before our conversation concluded I asked the ladies, "What is the main theme of your religion?" To which they replied, "Our religion brings true happiness. Human beings finding happiness is the main point of what we believe." I then responded by saying, "Happiness is important, but it is ultimately just one emotion among the many that we experience. There is something more important than personal happiness. The central theme of the Bible is the way sinful humanity can be reconciled with the true God through the Lord Jesus Christ." By the grace of God, we were able to have this lively discussion without anger or vitriol. We parted amicably and the ladies left, each having taken one of our thorough Gospel tracts. I was grateful for an experience in which I was able to both share the Gospel and learn lessons which can hopefully prove beneficial for future witnessing encounters. Towards the beginning of April, in the same place where I later met the aforementioned Buddhist ladies, I attempted to present the Gospel to an older gentleman who stopped to talk with me after receiving a Gospel tract. Due to the man being slightly inebriated at the time we were not able to have a long conversation. However, before going on his way, he asked me if I would teach him English. I told him that if he came early to our Wednesday evening Bible study I would spend a few minutes doing so. While I did not think much of our interaction that day, the man actually ended up coming three weeks in a row to our Bible study. Each occasion that he has come I have spent time teaching him some basic English expressions before the service. It is evident that he does not yet have an interest in the truth but rather only desires to learn English from me. However, it has been a blessing to share the Gospel (in Korean) with him three times already. From personal experience we know that, far from always being an effective evangelism tool, teaching English as a means to get people to come to church can in reality potentially cause the missionary to deviate from his primary mission. In addition to largely attracting those without a real desire to learn the truth, a church primarily based on teaching English can easily limit the scope of its ministry to only those with an interest in English, excluding the majority of people who are not inclined to learn a foreign language. For this and other reasons we believe that the Lord would not have us to spend a great deal of effort in developing an English ministry; however, we are glad to use the teaching of English in a limited way in order to have the chance to present the Gospel in Korean to lost souls. Please pray that Mr. Soh would continue to come and that he would respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit so that he might experience life transforming salvation. We praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to minister to this precious soul! Miss Kim (the lady who came after receiving a Gospel tract, heard the Gospel, and got saved at the beginning of November of last year) was able to come every Sunday last month, each time making the two-hour bus journey to our church from her home in the city of Gimhae. It is very evident that she is growing spiritually. Her desire to live for the Lord is a great encouragement to us. At her prompting we gave her some of our Gospel tracts to distribute. It was such a blessing when the following Sunday she reported having passed several out. After being taught about biblical baptism at our church, Miss Kim recently expressed a commitment to be baptized. However, while she was initially excited at the prospect of obeying Christ and making this public profession of faith, last Sunday she expressed some hesitancy. It seems like there may be someone close to her that is trying to discourage her from obeying the Lord's command. Please pray that she would not be hindered from doing God's will. If the Lord allows, we would like to hold the first baptism service for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church this month. Thank you so much for faithfully partnering together with us in the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the Korean people! Truly God is answering your and our prayers! All glory and praise belongs to Him! Please continue to pray that Miss Go (whom we have mentioned in prior letters) would grow spiritually and return to hear the Word of God. Last month, I met twice with and was able to briefly share the Gospel once with Mr. Lee, a non-religious man whom we have been working to lead to Christ for some time now. Please pray for his salvation. Please also pray that an updated version of our Gospel tract would be successfully printed without difficulty this month. In addition to these requests, please pray the Lord would continue to protect, guide, and empower us as we seek to be effective ambassadors for Christ in this spiritually dark place. We greatly appreciate your faithful prayers and sacrificial support! May the Lord bless and keep you as you serve Him in these last days before our Savior appears to catch away His own.

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