



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings from our mission field of Busan, Korea! We count it a great honor to be partnered together with each of our supporting churches in the work of proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Korean people while we await our Lord and Savior's appearance for us in the clouds. At the end of last month, the three-day harvest holiday called *Chuseok* was celebrated in Korea. Following deeply entrenched Neo-Confucian customs, millions of Koreans traveled to visit their relatives across the country and many of these also participated in the associated ancestor-worship rituals as well. In the days leading up to the holiday, traditional markets in Busan were filled with people buying the needed food supplies for *Chuseok*. During the holiday period a festive mood prevailed across the city as many families spent precious time together. While we certainly reject some of the elements of this holiday that are unbiblical, celebrating *Chuseok* is a Korean tradition that our family has come to enjoy each year—we eat delicious rice cakes from our neighborhood open market and our three daughters wear their traditional Korean dresses. On September 29th, Sarah and I paused to remember the day nine years ago when we arrived here on the mission field carrying our two-month-old baby. Looking back at the time that the Lord has allowed us to serve Him and partner together with you causes our hearts to be filled with gratitude. We are so thankful for God's mercy, provision, protection, guidance, and enabling. We are also so grateful for how He has used you to sustain us as we have sought to obey His call on our lives. When we first arrived and embarked on the long journey of adapting to Korean culture and learning the Korean language, time seemed to move slowly. However, especially since we began planting Jungbu Independent Baptist Church, it now feels as if time is racing by. We still have much to learn about being effective missionaries in this fascinating yet spiritually dark mission field where false religion and materialism abound. However, we praise the Lord for bringing us to the place where we are now. Our family is so happy to have the privilege to proclaim the Gospel together here in the heart of our densely populated city. We are trusting the Lord to continue to work through us so that more fruit might abound to your account for the glory of God. As we look to the future, we are excited to think of what the Lord will do. We desire to stay the course, remaining faithful and fervent here among the people God has called us to reach as long as He permits us.

Thank you so much for praying for our family and ministry! Last month, we again distributed many thorough Gospel tracts to lost souls across our city. Our hearts were blessed when our firstborn daughter JoAnn asked if she could also pass out tracts along with us. We praise the Lord that she has developed a desire to share her faith! While we have not heard from Mr. Soh in several weeks since he began working at the shipyards again, we have stayed in regular contact with Mr. Lee (the non-religious man we have been working to lead to Christ for some time now). Like so many Korean people today, he is rather indifferent towards religion and skeptical of absolute truth claims. While we have shared the Gospel with him numerous times, he has yet to turn to Christ for salvation. Recently I was listening to him share the burdens of his heart when he brought up the subject of growing old and dying. After I gently told him of the necessity of being properly prepared before leaving this world, Mr. Lee said, "What difference does it make? No one knows if there is an afterlife or not." I was then able to share with him some scriptural reasons to believe that what the crucified and risen Lord Jesus said about the soul, judgement, Heaven, Hell, and salvation is indeed true. While we may not be able to experience them with our five senses now, we can have knowledge—that is, justified belief—about unseen spiritual realities based on the clear revelation that the omniscient Creator has given in His Word. I praise the Lord for continuing to allow us to share the truth with Mr. Lee! Please continue to pray that our friend would properly respond to the spiritual light he has been given so that he might experience the miracle of salvation before it is eternally too late. In the month of September, Mr. Choi's friend returned once, and we also welcomed several first-time visitors to the services of Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. One man, Mr. Jeon, visited after receiving one of our Gospel tracts. He subsequently came the next two Sundays as well. Last Sunday, I was able to speak with him before the service began about where he stood with the Lord and he readily admitted that he was not sure if he was saved or not. It seems that the time he has spent in unbiblical churches has caused great confusion for him.

Many of the people we meet in Korea who have a Protestant background trust in good works or personal experiences and some in false christs—most have not actually trusted in the finished work of the true Lord Jesus alone for their eternal salvation. The Gospel is simple—it is false doctrine that often causes difficulty in understanding. At any rate, it was a joy to open the Scriptures and share the plain truths about eternal life with Mr. Jeon last month. Please pray that he will return and get the matter of his soul's eternal salvation settled soon. Please also pray that the Lord would grant us the wisdom needed to properly minister to those precious souls He sends our way. We cannot do the work of the ministry in our own strength. Without the Lord's help we cannot be what He wants us to be nor effectively labor in His harvest field. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord would send more visitors that have a genuine interest in the truth, and that He would help us to meaningfully connect with those that do not have even a nominally Christian background nor a natural inclination to attend church whom we might lead to a saving knowledge of 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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