

THE *Brown Family* 대한민국

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, South Korea. We hope you all are enjoying the blessings that come from serving the Lord. Thank you so much for your faithful partnership with us for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people! By the grace of God our family is doing well. As we continued with our daily Gospel tract distribution efforts at various points around our city, we enjoyed unusually mild weather in the month of May. While she was watching JoAnn and Hannah play with other children at a large park, a man, whom we had met last year at another park when his daughter played with JoAnn, greeted Sarah. After a brief conversation, Sarah offered him one of our thorough Gospel tracts when he asked her, "Why did you come to Korea?" The man received the tract and said that he would contact us. This encounter was noteworthy because when we first met this man last year I had resisted the prompting to seek an opportunity to share the Gospel with him. Praise the Lord for the second chances that He mercifully gives! In May, our family attended a special fellowship gathering at the church we served at prior to starting the work we are now engaged in. It was such a blessing to reconnect with missionary and national pastor friends who came from all around Korea. As it was the first such gathering since the Covid crisis, the fellowship we enjoyed together was especially meaningful. I greatly benefited from the opportunity to ask three national pastors specific questions about how they minister to first-time visitors at the churches they have planted. Their responses were helpful and I look forward to putting what I learned into practice at our church. At the end of May the national holiday known as "Buddha's Birthday" was observed by millions of Buddhists across Korea. The many temples in Busan were filled with people from all walks of life whose eyes have been blinded by complex myths and spiritual error. On a sidewalk near the gate of a large temple the Lord allowed me to politely distribute thorough Gospel tracts to some of these lost souls as they were leaving the temple. Later on that day, Sarah and our daughters joined me near another temple and we distributed more Gospel tracts to the crowds passing by. It is certainly a joy to have the opportunity to share the glorious truth of Jesus Christ with those that so desperately need Him!



Thank you so much for praying for us as we plant Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Recently we have seen a number of people come who do not return after their initial visit. In addition to these visitors, during the course of the past two months one lady attended several services in a row including the Wednesday evening Bible study. However, we have not seen her for the last few weeks. On the final Wednesday of May, a young man who had found us through the church website came to attend the Bible study. While counseling with him before the service, I learned that, after a season of exploring various religions, he had spent a short time in an unbiblical church before spending a year as a member of a denomination with cultic tendencies that teaches various false doctrines. As we talked, I was able to share the Gospel along with my personal testimony of salvation. The young man asked several questions and admitted that he was unsure of his salvation. It was a privilege to thoroughly communicate the Gospel to him and share various pertinent Scriptures with him during the course of my sermon that evening. At the close of the service the young man thanked me and enthusiastically promised to return on Sunday. May the Lord use us to lead this soul to Christ and help him on the journey towards becoming a true disciple for the glory of God. For the past three weeks a dear widow who has served the Lord faithfully since she was saved and baptized in 1986 has taken the train from her home in a city about an hour away to attend our church. This godly sister in Christ is well grounded in the faith and will be serving the Lord with us temporarily for several months until her marriage to a godly retired pastor friend of ours who is a widower. She has already been an encouragement to us, and it has been a blessing to distribute Gospel tracts with her after the service on Sundays. We are confident that, in spite of our inadequacies, the Lord will continue to use our family to build His church here in Busan as we work to spread the Gospel and invite people to attend. Please continue to pray for the growth of Jungbu Independent Baptist Church and that our Lord would be glorified through our efforts.



In our last two prayer letters I have requested prayer as I seek to lead Mr. Cho and his wife to a saving knowledge of Christ. Praise the Lord—He is at work! This past month I was given three opportunities to meet with this elderly Buddhist couple. On one occasion, after discussing the meaning of two Buddhist terms that I had read in the Buddhist scripture that they hold so dear, I asked them about the difference between two Korean words for "peace"—one of which is found in Romans 5:1. This question provided the opportunity to quote Romans 4:25-5:1 and then discuss the wonderful Bible truths of sinners being justified by faith and experiencing reconciliation with God exclusively through the Lord Jesus Christ on the merits of His redemptive work. The next time I met with them, Mr. Cho's wife eagerly explained more of her false beliefs to me as I respectfully listened and asked questions about what she was saying. Suddenly, Mr. Cho asked me "Pastor Brown, why did Jesus Christ have to die on the cross?" The Lord then provided the best opportunity so far for me to clearly present the Gospel to these dear souls. They both listened intently as I shared the truths about the True God, the nature of man, the problem of sin, and the reality of eternal life found only by trusting Christ alone for salvation. While they likely interpreted everything they heard through the clouded lens of their false Buddhist worldview, it is evident that the Holy Spirit is mercifully providing them with ample opportunities to encounter the truth. I pray that Mr. Cho and his wife would properly respond to the seeds that have been planted in their hearts. Thank you so much for praying and supporting our ministry!



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