



# 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,

October 2023

Greetings from our mission field of Busan, Korea. We are so grateful for the privilege to represent you as we labor to communicate the Gospel of Christ to the Korean people. In addition to being the special harvest moon holiday of *Chuseok*, September 29th was also the sixth anniversary of our family’s arrival in Korea as missionaries. As we reflect on six years of ministry among the Korean people, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His abundant mercy, His bountiful provision, His consistent protection, and His gracious enabling. While we are still striving to become proficient Korean speakers and effective laborers in this part of our Lord’s harvest field, we are very grateful for the lessons He has taught us, for the progress that He has allowed us to make, and the relationships He is helping us to form. We also greatly appreciate the prayers and financial support which you have sacrificially invested in our ministry. We desire to bear fruit that abounds to your account for the glory of God. Thank you for praying for our family’s move into our new home. By the grace of God, we completed the move without incident. We are so grateful for the spacious dwelling that the Lord has graciously provided for us and we are enjoying the many conveniences of our new home. As we were moving in, several residents in our apartment complex warmly greeted us with friendly smiles. We pray that the Lord would help us to maintain a good testimony and use us to lead these souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Last month we printed 30,000 copies of an updated and improved version of our Gospel tract. While Gospel tract distribution may not be as fruitful here in this spiritually dark and highly materialistic society as it is in other fields, we are so grateful for the opportunity to place a thorough presentation of the Gospel directly into the hands of lost souls whom Christ desires to save. Though it seems that most people in Busan have little or no interest in the truth, we often see people reading the tract they have received simply out of curiosity. We certainly pray that the Lord would bless His Word as it is distributed on busy sidewalks across our city of 3.4 million souls. However, our ultimate goal when distributing tracts is to connect with people and personally share the Gospel with them as the Lord opens the door to do so. Last month, while distributing Gospel tracts across the street from the main train station in Busan, the Lord caused my path to cross with a lady who had previously visited our church on two occasions last year. During our brief encounter I encouraged her to come again. She attended the following Sunday and listened intently while the Gospel was preached. The next Friday, a man showed up at my office unannounced after finding one of our Gospel tracts that someone had thrown on the ground. I was very glad to share the Gospel and my personal testimony of salvation with this individual. As the month of September drew to a close, the Lord gave me a truly special opportunity to communicate His glorious Gospel. While distributing Gospel tracts near a busy traditional market not far from our church facility, I spoke briefly with an elderly man who asked me about our tract. After explaining that it contained the most important information one could encounter, I encouraged him to read the tract he had received. I honestly did not think much of our interaction. Therefore I was surprised when the man called me the next day and asked where our church was located. A short while later he arrived at the church door. After we conversed for several minutes over coffee, I asked him what he thought of the Gospel tract he had received the day before. He said that because he was non-religious, he did not fully understand what he had read. I then had the great privilege to open my Bible and introduce this man to the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When I read him the important passage of Romans 4:25-5:1, the man said, “What does this word ‘justification’ (칭의) mean?” I then did my best to carefully explain how wicked sinners could be declared righteous before the True God and receive eternal life that cannot be lost only by trusting the crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. By the grace of God, the man listened intently to the many Scripture verses I shared with him. After nearly an hour had passed, the man thanked me for my time and rose up to leave. I invited him to return for the Sunday service but he said, “Honestly I don’t know if I will come again—I only came today because I was curious and wanted to talk with you after meeting you yesterday.” I then implored him to think deeply about what I had shared with him and told him that I hoped to see him again. While I can only pray that I will have another opportunity to witness to this man in the future, I rejoice that the glorious truths concerning eternal salvation were communicated to a lost soul who had likely never heard them before. Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and Jungbu Independent Baptist Church! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him in these closing days before He returns for His own.



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