



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We certainly are very thankful for the provision and enabling He has given us. We are also very grateful for your faithful prayers and sacrificial support which allow us to obey God's call to communicate the Gospel of Christ in the spiritually dark mission field of Busan, South Korea.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. We are excited about how the Lord is working as we labor to plant a biblical church in the central district of our city that will bring glory to God as souls are saved and become true disciples of Christ. After each Sunday service our family walks a few blocks from the church building and distributes Gospel tracts in a bustling pedestrian area. About six months ago, Sarah had a brief conversation with a man after he received a Gospel tract from her. Several days later I also spoke with this same man while distributing Gospel tracts in the same location on a weekday afternoon. Though he was friendly and expressed some interest in visiting our church, I did not think much of our encounter. Therefore it was a great surprise when this same man walked through the door of our church last month! He said that he had thought about coming for the past six months before finally deciding to attend. As we talked before the service, I learned that his prior experience with so-called "Christianity" had been quite negative and that after being deeply hurt in an unbiblical church many years prior he had studied various philosophies and had even contemplated becoming a Buddhist monk. Based on the comments that he made that morning, I could tell that he has yet to properly understand the simple truths pertaining to eternal salvation. It was a privilege to preach the Gospel of Christ to him that day. However, it was an even greater privilege to share the truth with him again when he returned last Sunday as well. It is evident that the Lord is at work in this man's life—prompting him to come and listen intently to the truth more than six months after first receiving a tract. Please pray with us that we might lead this precious soul to a saving knowledge of Christ.

For the past four months a dear widow, who has served the Lord faithfully since she was saved and baptized more than thirty years ago, has taken the train from her home in a city about an hour away and attended our church each Sunday. In the short time we have known her, our hearts have been knit together. Just before she married a retired national pastor friend of ours who is a widower, we were blessed to host this godly pastor and hear him deliver the Word of God to our church on the first Sunday of last month. While we will miss this godly sister in Christ who was such a blessing to us, we are confident that the Lord will use this couple as they now serve Him together in a small city located in the western part of Korea.

Though we have been on the field for six years now, we still work to improve our Korean speaking ability and to deepen our understanding of Korean culture. In the month of October, our family attended a history festival which was held on the grounds of an ancient fortress located in the same district where we live. JoAnn and Hannah enjoyed participating in some of the traditional cultural activities. The beautiful fall weather we have been experiencing has been very conducive for daily distribution of Gospel tracts across our city. In mid October, a major "K-pop" concert was held at a large stadium not far from where we live. The Lord allowed our family to place thorough Gospel tracts into the hands of many dedicated fans heading to see their idols perform. As is the case around the world, the majority of the people we encounter here are diligently seeking fulfillment in the fleeting pleasures of this world. Sarah and I are very thankful for the privilege of representing you while shining the light of the Gospel among so many lost souls who are captivated by the spirit of the age. We are confident that the Lord will bless His Word and cause us to reap the harvest in due season. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!

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