



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Greetings from Busan, Korea. Though it hardly seems possible, the final month of 2023 is upon us. It feels as if time has passed rather quickly this year. As we seek to communicate the life-changing Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in a city that seems to be growing spiritually darker each day, it is a great encouragement to know that we are co-laborers with you in the Lord's work. While we wait for our Savior Jesus Christ to catch away His own, we have the great privilege and solemn responsibility to shine as lights in this dark world as the Holy Spirit enables us. We praise the Lord that the man who received a Gospel tract from Sarah six months ago before visiting Jungbu Independent Baptist Church twice in October also returned once last month in November and again heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Before the service that day when I was conversing with him, Mr. Yang said to me, "The reason I have come these three times is because I want to hear what you have to say about Jesus Christ." By the providence of God, I had prepared a sermon for that Sunday entitled, "What think ye of Christ?" dealing with the glorious truths concerning the Savior as well as the conclusive evidence that shows the veracity of His Gospel. While the man did not respond to the invitation to trust Christ for salvation that day, we had a follow-up conversation through text messages several days later. This highly educated man is confused by wrong ideas, yet we are so grateful that the Lord sent him our way. Please pray with us that Mr. Yang would return and ultimately come to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Since the space that we lease for church is located practically in the center of our city, we have the privilege to distribute thorough Gospel tracts after each Sunday service in the busiest pedestrian zone in all of Busan. Though normally most people are in such a hurry that they would not think of stopping, we sometimes have profitable interactions with those who receive a Gospel tract from us. One such case was when a man asked me, "I am non-religious. What is an Independent Baptist Church? Why are there different kinds of churches within Christianity, anyway?" It was a joy to then tell him that regardless of what some may say, the central theme of the Bible is how sinful man can be reconciled to the True God through the vicarious death and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. While we pray that this man and others whom I recently invited to attend would come to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church and learn more of God's truth, we praise the Lord that two other people who separately received Gospel tracts from us both came last Sunday and heard the Gospel. However, wisdom is needed as one of these men came with the purpose of finding clients for the pyramid scheme he is involved with. Please pray that the Lord would protect His church and that He would give us wisdom in handling this situation. Last month, we had the special privilege to briefly host a veteran missionary who serves the Lord with his family in a Central Asian "creative access" mission field. This brother was a great encouragement to us during the time we spent together. It was a blessing to fellowship with him and to introduce him to the young man who faithfully attends our Wednesday night Bible study. Being with this brother who must minister completely "underground" in his country of service was a challenging reminder that, no matter how difficult it may be here to find anyone with a genuine interest in considering the truth, we should be thankful for what the Lord is doing and for the opportunities to minister that He gives us. Thank you so much for your continued prayers for our family and Jungbu Independent Baptist Church! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!



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