



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We count it a privilege to be partnered together with you for the sake of the Gospel going forth to the Korean people in our city of Busan. We are constantly reminded of the great spiritual need here as we labor to communicate the Gospel and lead souls to Christ in this place of spiritual darkness. The national holiday known in English as "Buddha's Birthday" was observed by millions of Buddhists across Korea last month. The many temples in Busan were filled with people from all walks of life who were there to participate in the rituals and festivities associated with this holiday. Many engage in these practices because of their devout commitment to Buddhism while others casually participate with the vain hope of obtaining spiritual satisfaction and good luck. In either case, eyes have been blinded by complex myths and spiritual error. Those who identify as Buddhist here are often the most resistant to even considering the truth of the Gospel. Yet, our crucified and risen Lord Jesus has given us a mandate to communicate the truth carefully and lovingly to these precious souls whom He desires to save. On Buddha's Birthday this year, I found a spot on a sidewalk near the gate of a large temple where I was able to politely distribute thorough Gospel tracts to some of these lost souls as they were leaving the temple. In addition to my daily distribution of Gospel tracts at various points across our city during the month of May, I also distributed Gospel tracts at a festival which was celebrating the traditional fishing culture of Busan. No matter whether they identify as Buddhist, non-religious, Shamanist, or even as a so-called "Christian," it is our great privilege to share the glorious truth of Jesus Christ with those in our city that so desperately need Him! We pray that the Lord would use us to lead Korean people of all religious backgrounds to a saving knowledge of Christ. Recently, several individuals who received Gospel tracts from us have called me and expressed interest in attending Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. We praise the Lord that a man whom I met while distributing tracts two weeks ago visited the church last Sunday. It was a joy to share the Gospel with him then as well as when he returned last Wednesday night. As I counseled with him, I discovered that he has lived a very difficult life and is currently facing many challenges. Above all, his greatest need is to experience the life changing salvation found exclusively in Jesus Christ. Please pray that Mr. Pak would return and that we might lead him to the Lord. The man that we mentioned in our last letter, Mr. Lee, has not yet returned to our church. Last month I had lunch with him, and contacted him several times—encouraging him to come and hear the Word of God. I also shared the Gospel with him again in text-message conversations. We pray that the Lord will continue to work on his heart and that Mr. Lee would respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Each person that the Lord sends our way represents not only an opportunity to present the Gospel but also an opportunity for us to learn and grow in our ability to minister to people with diverse needs. Please pray that the Lord would enable us to be effective missionaries for His glory and that He would send more visitors to Jungbu Independent Baptist Church. Please pray also for our upcoming appointment with the immigration authorities concerning a long-term visa. We desire for the Lord's will to be done. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and sacrificial financial support! May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

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