

The Hoffman Family

Your Missionaries in *South Korea*

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Dear Praying Friends,

A New School Year

Last May we started our Christian school with only Grades K-4 and K-5. We did this in order to “get our feet wet” in the education field. The original plan was to add Grades 1 and 2 in March when the new Korean school year began. The Lord has altered our plan greatly. Therefore, in two weeks we will open the school year with a full elementary and middle school, followed by the high school two years later. Currently we have 35 students enrolled, with others showing great interest. The Lord has sent us some wonderful teachers and staff who, I believe, will make a difference in the lives of our young people. Please keep this new ministry in prayer; it has tremendous potential to prepare the next generation for the will of God.

A New Auditorium

Our weekly attendance average continues to steadily increase. One year ago we made the last possible expansion of the main auditorium, but within a few months, the extra seating rapidly disappeared. We have tried various methods of moving people forward, reserving rows until after the service started, etc. This has helped but has not solved the problem. I am not comfortable with starting a second service at this point but have seriously researched the option. I am almost certain that eventually we will, but for now we plan to add a live video and audio feed to our youth department’s auditorium. We will then rotate 35-40 of our solid church members out of the main auditorium once a month. Please keep this matter in prayer; we are meeting in an office building that was not designed to house a church. I know the Lord will move us when the time is right, but for now it is tight!

A New Life

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers. I realize that times are tough these days, but your sacrifice is not in vain. Souls are being saved, baptized, and added to the church on a regular basis; and it appears 2009 will be a year of great increase. For instance, recently a man from Iran visited our church. He came to Korea because he was searching for the truth about the Lord. He was directed to our church through another Iranian friend. After several weeks of questions and explanations, he trusted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He then sent me an e-mail last week requesting to be baptized. Here is an excerpt from the e-mail:

Honestly I was very afraid about coming to church and to be a Christian. As you know, Moslems that change their religion in Iran receive the death penalty and we have seen many Christians that were executed in Iran. But as I read the Bible it gives me strength and I am not worried about my future or punishment in our country, because the Bible is truth. It was my destiny to come to Korea and to find the real God. I do struggle to be a good Christian and good member of your church. Will you teach me more of the Bible? Will you baptize me and accept me as a church member?

Before his baptism, I read this to the church. I think his words caused many people to deeply consider their dedication to the Lord. Thank you for helping us to reach the people of Korea. This is fruit that is abounding to your account. May the Lord richly bless you in His service.

Sincerely,

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