

The Hoffman Family

Your Missionaries in *South Korea*



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Dear Praying Friends,

Family News

The end of the 2009 and the beginning of 2010 found us back in the States for a brief and unexpected visit with my family. My father is 84 years old and has been suffering for several years from the complications of a stroke. His condition has steadily deteriorated and requires 24/7 care. Just before Christmas he mentioned to my mother that he wanted to see Mi Suk. I immediately purchased tickets, and we departed on December 26th from Korea. We had not been home in two years; thus it was a wonderful time with family. I do not take extended furloughs; therefore, our periodic returns are normally only for a couple of weeks to spend time with our family.

Church News

The New Year always brings unexpected changes in Korea, such as people leaving church. I am not sure if this happens in other countries, but in Korea it is prevalent at the beginning of the year. As always, some people left the church, but we also received some new families. Yet, our attendance averages are still on the rise. Since the last letter, we have seen 66 first-time visitors, 51 people trust Christ as Saviour, and 8 baptized.

The New Year also brought a change in my heart, a change for good. The Lord started a fire in my heart while we were gone to increase my effectiveness and production for Him. The fire still continues to burn, and I am looking forward to this year in great anticipation. I am also making daily changes to bring the vision to fruition. I feel the Lord has something magnificent in store for our church.

An increased passion to serve the Lord also brings many adversaries. Since returning we have faced many “opportunities” (not problems) from all sides. I am excited, as I can see each one being used to purge, humble, and shape my life and the lives of our people.

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We are starting some new ministries to reach and help those that cannot repay or help us. This is a burden the Lord has laid on my heart, and He has immediately given several opportunities to minister to people in need.

A few months ago a man was saved, baptized and joined the church. He just happened to be the president of a realtor's association in Korea, which has over 800 realtors/members. He is our city's top realtor. I gave him the task of finding some land for our church. After I returned from the States, he had something waiting for me to see. He located land and a warehouse that could be converted into a church building. The company is selling it for 40% under market value in attempt to move quickly to their new location. The bank has appraised the land, and they are willing to help us with 50% of the cost. But we do not have the other half, which is about 3 million dollars. I am praying at this time for the Lord's direction. I do not view money as great a factor as I do the Lord's will. Location and timing are critical in our area; therefore, I am desperately seeking wisdom. I have seen the Lord meet our building needs many times in the past 12 years. Of course, we have never even needed such a large amount, but I believe if the Lord can meet a small amount, He can just as easily meet a large amount. Our people are giving, and the church is saving; but this is clearly more than we can produce alone. Please pray about this matter, because we are lacking space to grow.

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School News

In March, Charity Christian Academy will start her second year. We have seen an increase in enrollment, even though we are not advertising. We cannot accept many more students due to the lack of space; thus we are not recruiting students. However, word of mouth is still bringing them in. The new school year looks to be even better than the first.

Thank you for the continued support and prayers for the people of Korea. The souls saved and lives transformed will bring eternal rewards on your behalf.

Sincerely,

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