Your Missionaries in South Korea

The Hoffman Family



November 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

Family News

Family addition #1: On September 9^{th,} our son Daniel married Chae Hyun Park. Chae Hyun came to our church as an infant; she attended and graduated from our Christian school. She also oversees our King's Kids children ministry on Wednesday evenings and teaches part-time in the school. Her mother is also a full-time science and math teacher in the school. We are grateful for the new daughter the Lord has given us and to be able to serve Him together.

Family addition #2: On October 30^{th,} we welcomed our first grandson, Benjamin Brian Hoffman! Sam and Sarah named him after two special friends, Ben Johnson, who brought me to Christ and settled me in a good church. The other special friend, Brian Dea, came to Korea on a military assignment with his family. The Dea family served in our church and blessed many people, including their pastor when he needed it the most. God is so good to send people in our lives to instruct, influence, and guide us. We have an amazing Saviour!

Church News

The year was 2000 when a postgraduate student, Jae Kyun Park, was introduced to our church. Brother Park faithfully attended and served in our church. He was later married and continued to serve with his new bride. They welcomed one daughter and then another into their home. Brother Park's service increased with each passing year, and it became evident that God's hand was upon him. He excelled in engineering and was fast-tracked to an executive position in his company when God called him to enter the ministry. He already had a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and a family; therefore, with the help of a Bible College in America, they customized a master's program of residency and correspondence work. Our church then ordained Pastor Park to the ministry, and he immediately established and launched our Christian school fourteen years ago. Pastor Park's executive skills and engineering abilities helped me with several construction projects; he was the brain, and I was the brawn.

Last month, the LORD did something none of us expected: He called Pastor Park 4.5 hours south, to the city of Daegu. The city has a population of over 2 million, with few Baptist churches and a small Christian footprint. Pastor Park said it is like the city of Ephesus in many ways; it is steeped in Shamanistic superstitions more than any other major city. It is also home to an infamous militant cult that claims to be Christian. Last year, the cult rented a stadium for the graduation of this year's discipleship program; 80,000 were present, and over 20,000 online. They claimed 1,600 were pastors of Christian churches.

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The LORD has called him to this challenging city. Therefore, we will continue his salary to plant the new church in January. Our church will send teams on a rotation each week to fill seats and welcome visitors. This will undoubtedly be the most complicated project we have ever embarked upon because it will involve a significant financial sacrifice and an increased workload on us.

Please keep us in prayer with the new church plant in Daegu and for the ministry here in Yangju. Pastor Park and I would be extremely grateful if you would like to help in this new endeavor.

Thank you again for your faithful support and prayers. To God be all the praise and glory!

In Christ, The Hoffman Family

Pastor Park with Daniel and his new bride, Chae Hyun.

Benjamin Brian Hoffman Born on October 30, 2023





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