

Dear Prayer Partners,

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One of the blessings of furlough is time with family. A number of our churches are in close proximity to family, so while visiting churches, we have enjoyed some quality family time as well. We are thankful to God for giving us Christian families that love the Lord and support us in the ministry God has called us to do.

#### Cultural Tidbit: Reverse Culture Shock

Having lived in Korea for six years, we have become increasingly acclimated to that culture. So, coming back on furlough and readjusting to American culture and thinking is a bit of a shock to the system.

One example is coffee. In Korea, we have over 100 coffee shops within a two-mile radius of our house. Coffee shops don't seem to be as prolific in most places here in America.

Korean coffee shops open later than coffee shops here. On the flip side, though, they tend to close much later—say, midnight or 2 a.m.

Our children are doing well. While they are missing home, they are enjoying furlough and joyfully submitting to the will of God for us at this time. They are also enjoying the fun experiences God is providing along the way. This past weekend, we were visiting a church near Buffalo, NY, so we took a day to go to Niagara Falls.

Another blessing is seeing how God is working in our children's hearts. Recently, I had a conversation with one of our boys about how he thought God wanted to use him in the future. His answer showed that He had been thinking about this very deeply and was open to following God's will for his life. He also had many great ideas for new ministries and outreaches to try when we get back home.

As wonderful as the family time has been, the time with our supporting churches has been equally refreshing. What an overwhelming joy to see, shake hands with and hug you folks who take ministry partnership so seriously. You have stayed plugged into our ministry by reading the prayer letters, following us on Facebook, writing letters and sending text messages. When we walked into several churches, the people there could greet our children by name—and as you know, that is no small feat. Our hearts are refreshed, and we thank you so much for the care and love that you have shown to us.

Another blessing of these reunions is seeing what God is doing in and through you here in America. God's work is team work and His harvest is global, so to see how God is using you here and testify of how God is using us as we extend your ministry to Korea is truly a joy beyond measure.

Thank you for your faithful love, prayers and support.

Jonathan, Rachael, Yae-Chan, Yae-Sun, Hyae-Lan, Hyae-Jin

#### Prayer Requests

Greater Christlikeness and preparation for our second term.

New financial support—we are currently at 92%.

For our church back home to continue to move forward.

Wisdom to handle the unique challenges of traveling on furlough.