



The Facenda Family:

Preaching the Prince of Peace in the Land of the Morning Calm



Dear Faithful Co-Laborers,

It is hard to believe that furlough is here. As we look back over the last 6 years all we can say is "to God be the glory great things He hath done!" We have seen souls saved, saints strengthened, and God's kingdom expanded. We have experienced joy and sadness, success and failure, spiritual growth and spiritual attacks, mountains and valleys; but through it all God has been good all the time!

On the home front

The expression "life is a blur" does not seem to adequately express the feeling of furlough preparation. With all the planning, meeting, prepping, packing, cleaning and myriad of other pre-furlough activities at times we feel like a dog who actually caught the car wheel. In spite of the busyness God is giving us strength and wisdom day by day to accomplish His will.

This is not only a busy time but a time of mixed emotions. The joy of seeing family and supporting churches is mingled with the sadness of being away from our home and ministry for 9 months. Please pray for us that we will have wisdom, strength, and grace to successfully make this transition.

Cultural Note:

As you may know, our President here has been involved in a very serious scandal for a number of months. On March 13th the constitutional court will decide whether or not she will remain as president or be removed. Over the past several months the popular opinion has shifted in favor of President Park. Please pray that the court would render a righteous verdict. Please also pray that God would grant South Korea a president that would be a righteous leader. Also please pray that the Korean people would peacefully accept the decision of the court.

On the ministry front,

It is always a joy when God raises up a ministry in the church. For quite some time our church has not had a choir. I had wanted to revive this ministry but there were not enough people who were interested in participating. Several weeks ago after lunch Brother Shin was practicing a special with Rachael at the piano. At that time a few of our church members were sitting there listening and waiting for the afternoon service to start. Brother Shin began talking about the truth of the song he was singing and rallied up the other folks to sing with him. I walked out of my office and saw them all singing and thought "God has resurrected our church choir". I asked all the people singing to come up and stand behind the pulpit. After they sang through the song again I said "congratulations, you are now the new church choir". It is such a blessing to see how God has brought us folks who want to be involved!

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Plan for furlough:

Lord willing will begin our furlough on March 20th. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Jim and Myra Wright on Friday March 10. They will be filling in for us for 6 months. We praise the Lord for providing this wonderful couple to shepherd His church in our absence. They are a faithful couple who have served the Lord for many years.

Beginning in September Steve and Martha Anderson will be filling in for us during the last 3 months of our furlough. They are also a fantastic couple with much ministry experience. We are excited to see how God will use them here for His kingdom.

Please pray for both of these couples. This is the first time in Asia for both couples so please pray for a smooth transition. Also pray that they will be able to bond with our church members.

Lord willing, we will be coming back home to Korea at the end of November.

I believe the church is in a good position to move forward. We now have a fairly strong core of folks who love the word of God and desire to move forward. We thank God for the growth that we have seen over the past year. Please pray that our church folks will be faithful and continue to grow in the Lord. Pray that the missionaries who are filling in for us will be greatly used of God in the life of our church. We believe that this can be a time of tremendous blessing and are anticipating what our gracious Lord will do for His glory!

Additional Prayer Requests:

1. A smooth transition as we readjust to life in America for a while.
2. That we would be a blessing to our supporting churches as we visit and renew the relationships.
3. The ability to raise some needed additional support.
4. The ability to maintain our Korean proficiency while in America.
5. A smooth transition for us as we come back and resume our ministry here.