

새해복 많이 받으세요!  
Happy Lunar New Year

It is hard to believe that we have been back in Korea for two and a half months already. God has richly blessed in the transition back to the field and we could not be happier with all that He is doing.

### **The End of Furlough -**

We praise God for the wonderful time God gave us on furlough. We are thankful for what God did through the ministry of Jim and Myra Wright and Steve and Martha Anderson in our ministry here. God used them mightily and we are thankful God sent them to us.

It was such a blessing to re-connect with you folks as we visited your various churches. What a joy to see how God is using you in your local church and neighborhoods, to expand His kingdom. It was also a joy to report on what God is doing here in our local church and neighborhood. God's work is global, God's work is team work, and it was a great blessing to see that so vividly.

We also want to say a special thank you for the way you received us. As you received us so warmly, took such good care of us, asked good questions, and were interested in our ministry; you conveyed God's grace and love to us in a very special way. Thank you for 'helping us on our way after a godly sort'.

### **The Loooooong Trip Home**

After a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with Rachael's family we began the long-awaited journey home at 3:30 EST Tuesday, November 28.

We drove from my in-laws house to the airport in Boston. Then we waited to board our flight. After a short flight to Chicago and a few more hours of waiting, we flew to California and waited for 5 ½ hours. Then the 14 hour flight to Korea. All total we had logged about 30 hours of travel time.

We had a late arrival into Korea, but had made a reservation at a hotel near the Incheon airport (or so we thought). However, arriving with 12 suitcases, and 12 carryon's we quickly realized we needed a place to stash the luggage. Unable to find such a place at the airport we decided that Yae-Sun and I would stand guard over the luggage (and try to sleep) at the airport while the rest of the family went to the hotel. About an hour later, Rachael and the other children came back to the airport - there had been a mix-up in the reservation. We ended up all spending a fun night in the airport. The kids practiced for the Olympic bob-sled team on the luggage carts, the boys and I threw the football, and we made memories.

Finally, at 6:30am KST (4:30 pm Wed, Nov 30 EST) we boarded a bus for Daegu! Four hours later, we arrived in Daegu. We crammed all our luggage into our mini-van and finally got home. On the drive home, we were talking about getting luggage in the house and Yae-Sun said "Before we unload the car can we just go in and have a moment with the house?"

What a moment it was! What a joy to be home. After 9 months away and a 45 hour trip to the house it was a blessing!

### **Transition back home.**

#### **On the Ministry Front**

As you know, one of our greatest prayer requests during furlough was that we would have a smooth transition back after being gone for 9 months. As to this request, God has done exceedingly above all that we could ask or think. There is a great spirit of excitement in our church. Our folks are growing in faithfulness, and they are eager to get involved and move forward. Over the last 2 months, I have met with several of our church folks and they all have great ideas for moving the Church forward for the Lord.

Over the past 2 months we have seen a steady trickle of visitors in our morning service.

One of our visitors goes by the English name Edward. Edward did not grow up in Church. But one day several months ago one of our church folks, a U.S soldier stationed here, met Edward downtown and talked to him about the gospel and church. Edward came the next Sunday, but then did not come for several weeks. Then a few weeks ago he showed up for our morning service and has been coming nearly every week since. Yesterday, I met with Edward and had a long talk about the gospel. He is reading the Bible on his own and shows great evidence of the Holy Spirit working in his heart. We are scheduled to meet every week now to study the gospel of John. Please pray for Edward to be saved soon.

A few weeks ago, one of the ladies in our church approached Rachael and asked if they could study English together. Rachael agreed - for the past 2 weeks Rachael, this lady (sister Jin) and several other church ladies have met together for English conversation and bible study. The ladies are enjoying fellowship while learning and studying the bible together.

Next month, we are starting a Bible institute class one night a week. This Spring we are going to study Old Testament Survey. Then this Fall, we will study New Testament Survey. Please pray for this new ministry.

### **On the Home Front**

As a family we are so happy to be home. (Our dog is happy that we are home, too). The kids have enjoyed renewing old friendships and having fun. Rachael and I have enjoyed getting back into the routine of ministry and home life.  
All-in-all life is good!

### **Prayer requests**

Pray for wisdom as we move the church forward in the will of God.  
Pray that God would protect our church from the attacks of the enemy.  
Pray that we would have a good school year of homeschooling.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. It is our great joy to be your partner in ministry.

In Him and for Korea  
Jonathan Facenda