

January 2019
Dear Friends,

The Facenda's Prayer Letter

Happy New Year! We greatly rejoice in the eternal amazing faithfulness of our great triune God. 2018 has been full of His blessings and we anticipate no less in the New Year.

On the Home Front

A few weeks ago our children finished their school year. The kids all did well and we all learned a lot from our first full year of homeschooling. We are enjoying the winter break now and eventually we will be excited about starting the new school year in March.

We had a wonderful holiday season. For Thanksgiving day we went to the Haven Baptist Church, a military ministry in Gun-san. That is the ministry where Rachael and I met over 15 years ago. Each Thanksgiving Day they have a service and full on American feast. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship and refreshing.

Christmas day was a blast. We had our traditional breakfast of Spaghetti sauce, meatballs and fried eggs. Then we Skyped with the parents in America while we opened presents. On Christmas night we had several church members and a few other folks over for dinner. It was a great day.

Rachael and I are continuing to do well in our marriage. God has taught us many things over the last year through His word in conjunction with the situations He has brought us through. We praise the Lord for our relationship and are excited about celebrating our 15th anniversary in April.

On the Ministry Front

2018 was a year of growth and maturity. We saw 13 new people coming to the church. We saw several people saved and baptized. We established official church membership. We began supporting missionaries. Truly God has worked in our midst for His glory.

In November I was blessed to do my very first wedding. God brought Matthew and Angie together and it was my great joy to join them as husband and wife in early November. Their desire is that their marriage will be used greatly for the glory and kingdom of God.

The Saturday before Thanksgiving we had an American style Thanksgiving party at our house. We invited about five unsaved foreigners. Michale, one of Matthew's co-worker, and I were able to have a great conversation about the gospel during the party. He came to church the next day and every week after. Each Sunday afternoon Michael and I would have coffee and talk about the gospel. About 3 weeks later God graciously opened Michael's heart and He was born again into the family of God. We have continued meeting every Sunday afternoon and He is growing greatly in the Lord.

Prayer Requests -

Many of our church members are facing difficult life situations. Please pray that they would follow the Lord firm in the faith. Please also pray that I would have wisdom to shepherd them.

This year I have a great burden to lead our church to reach out to the homeless, drug addicts, abused people and alcoholics. Please pray that God would give us wisdom in how to do this in His will and for His glory and kingdom.

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Pray that our family will continue to grow in love for the LORD and for each other.

We have a few church members who used to be very faithful but now are slacking off. Please pray that these dear folks would return to faithfulness and zeal for the Lord.

In Him and for Korea,
Jonathan, Rachael, Yae-Chan, Yae-Sun, Hyae-Lan, Hyae-Jin Facenda.