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Prayer Letter #11

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What glorious demonstration of **God's love and mercy** this past month of May and June displayed for us here in Korea. Our two older girls, Lauren and Lyndsy were pounded down with an **unknown and serious virus** that would not cower despite Doctors' treatments at three different major hospitals. Lyndsy struggled with a liver infection (possibly Sepsis) and Lauren then came down with a dangerous virus herself only a few days thereafter. Both girls were taken to the top hospital in Korea, Seoul National University Hospital, via the ambulance as the Doctors that previously examined them agreed it was a very urgent situation. It was an **overwhelming experience** for sure.

Yet we would like to focus on another overwhelming experience in this update to you all. During the two weeks we were frequenting the hospital and not knowing for certain if literally our girls, especially Lyndsy, would **survive this liver infection**, we were stunned and amazed of the **band of Prayer Warriors** God surrounded us with during this battle! We had never, ever before in our lives been inundated and engulfed with so, so, so many texts, Facebook messages, phone calls and emails at the time of this sudden event. We shed more **tears of thanks rather than despair** knowing that God's grace was showered on us **THROUGH your prayers and support**. We watched as Lyndsy and Lauren were running and playing tag in the park just a few days ago and thought....this truly is **the Lord's doing and it is marvelous** in our eyes. He is merciful.

We also reflect on how the Lord could have chosen another method of displaying His grace, **yet He chooses to use us**- His children- to encourage and comfort one another in need. How humbling to ponder this love of His. So we **thank you for being so sacrificially used** of the Lord to encourage and uplift this little mis-



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sionary family in need last month. Thank you to those that have even **fasted and cried out to the Lord** on Lauren and Lyndsy's behalf through the night. **THANK YOU.**

Now to some **EXCITING updates** on our church plant!

First off, the Lord has burdened our hearts to designate the church name as **Mars Hill Baptist Church**. In Acts 17:22, the Apostle **Paul stood on Mars Hill** boldly proclaiming the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to highly educated, agnostic Greeks. Paul also preached against **worshiping the "unknown god"** and thereby pointing out that the Greeks have the privilege to **know rather THE true God** of this world Who has created all things. Just as this account holds true, many **Koreans today also doubt the existence** of a loving Creator and follow and worship rather a man-made idol here. And more often than not, Koreans are known to **choose the god of education** here.

I wholeheartedly pray that **Mars Hill Baptist Church** take root and stand to become a faithful, resolute beacon of light in **sharing the One True God** to the people of Paju.

Secondly, as we have been praying for a **specific location** as to where the Lord desired this church plant to begin- He has led us to a very old building, which was built before or soon after the Korean War back in the 50's. The future church location is about **8.6 miles from the DMZ** to be exact, a 3rd floor on a small medical clinic building that has been vacant for awhile. Please pray with us as **we begin major renovations** on this 600 sq ft. room- as the Lord provides the funds and workers needed speedily.

We are in **great need** of the following church items:





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1. **Chairs (30)**
2. **Ceiling fans (4)**
3. **New flooring**
4. **Wall papers**
5. **Sound system**
6. **Piano**

We are also praying specifically for God to **send us a willing, Spirit-filled song leader** to help with this ministry.

Third, we direly ask prayer for the following possible **future outreach opportunities** present here:

1. **North Korean Outreach** - Gaining access into a North Korean refugee school is our goal to build relationship with the refugees. However, due to recent North Korean hostility, the South Korean government has become quite sensitive for any outsider to gain access into the school currently.
2. **Military Outreach** - Located rather closely to North Korea, Paju City is one of the most important strategic military town composed of numerous Korean military bases.
3. **Foreign Workers Outreach** - The Korean government encourages many large companies to build manufacturing plants here in Paju City in the possible preparation of unification with the North. There are number of Africans and Southeast Asians who work here and then advance their earned income back to their families. Many of them live in difficult circumstances here, being separated from their loved ones, yet their vulnerability provides the perfect condition to hear the Gospel of our Lord!
4. **Human Trafficking Outreach** - Paju is often noted to many believers as the "modern day Corinth" housing many red light districts in the area, permeated with immorality and idolatry. As we walk around this town we witness many young women in need of the great Saviour and we are burdened daily to reach out to these precious souls.



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*May we ask you to **pray specifically and urgently with us** for the above mentioned requests?

As for our family, Rose continues to **homeschool our three daughters** (14, 10, 4 yrs old) and tutor with piano and violin lessons three to four times a week. Please continue to pray for her and her health as my helpmeet in **my leading the family onward** for the Lord.

And lastly, but not least, we do not ever take lightly **your sacrificial financial giving** for this precious ministry here in Paju, Korea. THANK YOU. And **thank you more so for your faithful PRAYERS** and more PRAYERS for us each day. Only **Heaven will be able to reveal** the reward you faithfully lay to your account there. Our God is faithful and **always, only good**.

Humbled to be the feet to your heart and prayers for souls in Paju, Korea,

The Song Family- Brandon, Rose, Lauren, Lyndsy, and Lilyanne

