

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from Waegwan, South Korea!

I arrived on March 16th, and held our first service at Grace Baptist Church on March 20th. The setting here is quite a bit different from the one in Guam. Here, we are located in a city, surrounded by lots of high rise apartment buildings and, as you can imagine, lots of people. In fact, there are three 20-story apartment buildings currently being built in front of the church. In Guam, we drove everywhere, averaging about 2,500 miles per month. Here, we walk everywhere averaging about one and a half miles per day.

Grace Baptist Church is connected with Armed Forces Baptist Missions and extends its outreach primarily to the military at Camp Carroll Army Base. We are located near Gate #4 of the base and go regularly to give out gospel tracts and invite the soldiers to join our services. Grace Baptist Church was founded by Missionary David Russell in 2007.

Our current plan, Lord willing, is to be here at Grace Baptist Church until June 13th. From here, we will go to New Zealand, as scheduled, to fill in for Bro. Lewis Howell and his family at Sonshine Baptist Church in Whakatane. Late September, we will return here to South Korea, where we will remain until the full time missionary is able to finish his deputation and come to the field.

We have a special prayer request for you to remember concerning Patty. Just before leaving Guam, Patty was informed by her doctor that she had an urgent medical need that must be taken care of soon. This initially delayed our departure from Guam, since we assumed she would have the necessary procedure done before our move. However, because the surgeon had a previously planned vacation, he was unable to take her right away, so we made the decision for Patty to return to the States to have the procedure done there. She flew back to be with her children during her procedure and recovery. She has already seen the surgeon there, and has made plans accordingly. Lord willing, we plan to reunite in New Zealand in early June.

Here in South Korea, we are far more handicapped because of the language barrier. Very few adults speak English, and we speak no Korean. The preaching is done through an interpreter - Bro. Andrew Park - who is great to work with. I am enjoying a very nice apartment the church has provided, which is conveniently located on the first level of the church building.

Grace Baptist Church is currently small in attendance, but I see enormous potential given the population of the city, the very nice facilities, and the fantastic location God has provided. Please pray specifically for our outreach...we are among a very spiritually needy people.

According to The World Fact Book, 43% of South Korea is without any religion, 24% is Protestant, 24% is Buddhist, and 7% is Catholic. Please pray that our evangelistic efforts will produce lasting fruit both with the military and with the nationals.

I would like to thank you once again, most importantly, for your prayer support, and of course, for your most generous financial support. We are currently supported by seven churches and one individual on a monthly basis, and without your help, we couldn't be here. May God richly bless you, we thank God daily for your faithfulness.

In His Service, Jim and Patty Bailey

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6