

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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"Let thine eyes be on the field that they reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

"Beware the Ides of March!" Thus we are told that Julius Caesar was warned of his impending assassination. Well, today is the Ides of March. We trust a prayer letter from the Clines will not be equally painful. Our last epistle came to you while we were in Korea. Now of course we are back in the States.

Our time in Korea was a blessing and a challenge to us, but it also showed us clearly that "God...did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." Those Korean Christians whom we met are some of the most gracious people we have ever met. However, our time there also showed us the mountainous task barely begun. Several examples are lodged in my mind and heart. One was a young Korean soldier who, when I gave him a tract, started to enter the base, suddenly stopped and came back with a broad smile on his face and said, "I'm a Christian too." Our brief conversation together bore witness to the oneness we sense in Christ. Another encounter was with an American soldier as he entered the base. As I handed (or tried to hand) him a gospel tract, he turned briefly and refused the offer, saying, "I don't have a place in my life for religion." He was gone so fast that I didn't have the opportunity to tell him that it wasn't about "religion" but a relationship with Jesus Christ. The third was with a young Korean lady – a security guard at the base. She told us of a man she knew whose life was so different after he accepted Christ as his Savior. I told her that the Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..." The mention of the Bible didn't seem to "ring any bells" with her. Then she said that he told her that one day she would be a Christian. She paused. Then she said (I thought rather wistfully with perhaps a touch of sadness), "But I don't think so. I will climb the mountain to the Buddhist temple." So near and yet so far. I never saw her again. So many fields and so many needs; but "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Where are those who will say, "Here am I; send me"?

Our desire to see others catch the vision of the needs of a world without Christ led us two weeks ago to a trip that has been in the works for quite some time. We preached in New York on Sunday in a young church we had been with several years ago – a real blessing. Then on Monday we went to western Pennsylvania to challenge the student body at a small Bible college. We had been there about three years before and enjoyed being with them again. From there we drove to central Connecticut for a visit to speak in the chapel at another small Bible college and to challenge them to consider the "fields that are white already to harvest."

Our schedule keeps us busy nearly every week here, there, or somewhere else. Thank you again for praying and supporting in other ways as well.

His and yours for the harvest,

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