

Pine Bluffs, Wyoming
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Dear Friend of Needy Koreans,

Greetings in Jesus Wonderful Name. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

As we approach the Christmas season to celebrate the birth of "The Prince of Peace", we do thank God for sending His dear Son to die for our sins. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins." Math. 1:21 As we look back over the past year we would say "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with me, bless His holy name.--and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things--". Psalm 103:1-5 How rich we are in America- even the poorest of us! How good God is to us.

We are thankful too that a truce has been reached in Korea and the bloodshed has stopped. This is giving the missionaries, pastors, evangelists and chaplains much greater freedom and opportunity to get out the gospel; and they are winning many thousands to faith in Christ each month. Hallelujah! The harvest goes on.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithful contributions month by month for these great needs and tremendous opportunities in Korea. I also want to report what has been done thru your gifts and that of many others pooled together.

First of all, all the funds for the first Beggar Boy's Orphanage are now in and the building is being constructed. It will be a permanent, well constructed building and as soon as it is completed will provide a real Christian home for 50 of these poor homeless boys. Praise God for this. It is costing \$3500, plus \$250 for the land and an additional \$500 for garden land to grow vegetables on.

Secondly, we now have 81 Christian Book Shops open and carrying on a wonderful ministry thru out South Korea. Three full time evangelists are "servicing" these shops.

Thirdly, in August our new 12 page bi-monthly Revival paper, JESUS IS VICTOR, came off the press with 60,000 copies. These were freely distributed to all pastors, evangelists, chaplains and Christian workers in Korea. This will continue as funds are made available.

Besides these main projects, substantial funds have been sent to help buy a Revival Center in Taegu, help build another orphanage up near the front lines, care for many orphans and widows, and last but not least, many tons of clothing from all over America has reached these very needy people and always with a Christian testimony. Praise God.

The project of buying a little English Ford for Miss Elsie Funk in Japan was completed in August (\$1700); and since then I have been able to send some over \$600 for the City View Church in Alaska, thanks to generous Christians.

May I ask for your earnest prayers for all these missionary enterprises. Pray too for me, that wisdom shall be given in future planning.

I have said nothing about my evangelistic work, which is of course my main work. The other is just a special work of love. God has been gracious and good. I can humbly say that this has been the most fruitful year of my evangelistic ministry in the homeland. Thank God for hundreds of conversions, hundreds of backsliders restored, scores of family altars begun, tithers increased, tobacco users delivered, drunkards converted, etc. Scores of young people have publicly dedicated their lives for full time service anywhere in the world. To God be all the glory.

Now a personal word. You may have noticed the change in my address. Several months ago we were notified we must move by March 1. We have been looking for a place to rent for 3 years, but always the rent was more than we could pay, or they would not have us with 4 children. Finally, we decided we would have to buy an old house. But where and with what?! Just at the time that my heart was sorrowing over the sudden death of my dear mother (Oct. 16), a house was brought to our attention that would meet our needs at a reasonable price. I did not have one dollar for down payment. But by borrowing from 3 banks and a private individual I could get it. But the only way we could meet the very heavy monthly payments was for my wife to go to work for a nearby factory! How I hated this - to be away from our children, who so need their mother - especially when their Dad is away most of the time. But that's the way it now stands. This does not seem fair or right to me. But there was no other way out. If I were a pastor the house would be provided, but God has called me to be an evangelist and to go out by faith. Will you not pray that God will in some way help us so that my dear wife may be home with our children who need her so much.

Because of this change of address and to make it more convenient for you to send regularly your monthly contributions, I am enclosing 12 self-addressed stamped envelopes for the Korean ministry for the next year. Some will want to "catch up" on back pledges now at Christmas time. If you do not wish to continue your pledge, please return the envelopes and notify me of the same. I expect to send out a Prayer Letter each quarter beginning about the first of the year, that will keep you informed so you may pray and give intelligently.

May the dear Lord bless you richly this coming year and use you for His glory. He IS coming SOON. Keeping looking up.

Cordially in Jesus Dear Name,

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