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Dear Praying Friends,

This week Charity Christian Academy will begin a new school year and will expand by starting a freshmen high school class. Mi Suk, once again, will teach first and second grades, and I will teach the middle and high school boys' physical education class. Korea is one of the few countries in the world where young men are required to serve approximately two years of active duty in the military. Therefore, my class is designed to help prepare our young men physically and mentally for their military service, which, in turn, I hope will also prepare them to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. The Christian school is a demanding ministry, but we believe it will produce positive, long-term results for the Kingdom.

The church has seen growth this new year, with several people trusting Christ and being baptized, especially in the Teen Department. During the month of January, the church saw 20 first-time visitors, 18 persons born again, and 6 follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Our church theme this year is "Walking With God." I will exhort our people to maintain a daily walk with the Lord throughout the year.

My pastor was often asked, "What is the most important thing a young preacher needs to learn?" I can't remember how many times I heard him answer, "Learn to walk with God." He was right; the most important thing a young preacher, or any Christian for that matter, can learn is to walk with God. I think the Lord's presence is the greatest need of mankind, and once we fix our hearts upon Him, we will have the proper perspective and Holy Spirit power to complete our pilgrimage upon this earth for His glory.

I am preaching through the book of Genesis and noted how the Lord led Abraham to Canaan, but the land was in the midst of a grievous famine. Such is often the will of God, seasons of famine and seasons of feasts. If a person's heart is set upon the blessings of God, his life will be an emotional roller coaster; but if his heart is set upon the person of God, strength and stability will be found regardless of the situation. My pastor was correct; walking with God is what we desperately need. I pray our theme this year will help many to maintain a meaningful walk with God.

Thank you for your faithful support in prayers for the ministry here. Please continue to lift us up in prayer as we partner with you in obedience to the Great Commission. God bless you for your sacrifice of love.

Sincerely,

The Hoffman Family

