Dear Smith Chapel Family,

Greetings from South Korea!

After a long 15-hour flight, the Kangs have safely landed in my homeland. Just to let you know, Korea is 13 hours ahead of you. It's been seven years since my last visit, and this time I returned as a U.S. citizen, which meant navigating through a longer immigration line. Other than that, everything feels familiar. :) We're enjoying quality time with family, exploring hot spots in Korea, and, of course, appreciating delicious food. The kids are having a blast with their baby cousins. This morning, when I asked Noelle what her favorite part of Korea has been so far, she said, "Super cuteness!" referring to her cousins, of course. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts; I truly feel God's blessings flowing over us.

Tomorrow, I have three services on my agenda: one at 7:30 a.m. at Suwon Antioch Church with my family, another at 11 a.m. at Hyang-yeon Church where I'll be preaching, and finally, at 7 p.m. at Ju-sa-rang Church, where I'll also share the message. I've been asked to share our journey from UMC to GMC. Please pray for me to have the boldness to bear witness to Christ and to uplift His churches for His glory alone. We are keeping all of you in our prayers as well. May God's anointing be upon you during worship and fellowship, drawing you closer to Jesus and inspiring you to make Him known. Let's hold onto this prayer together: "Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually." (Psalm 105:4).

Let's also remember the people in Myanmar. Pastor "M," whom I met while my family was on a mission there, shared that although his family and congregation are safe, they faced minor injuries and some homes collapsed. Here in Korea, wildfires have broken out in different regions, and at least seven churches have been destroyed. Please continue to pray for one another in love. We are sending our prayers from this side of the world. Let's keep pursuing God's heart, rooting our faith in His love (Eph. 3:17b-21).

We miss you all dearly!
Until we meet again, shalom to you!

Yours in Christ,
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