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Washington Church Planter Prayer Letter: The Yongs

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support during the second half of this year. I write this prayer letter as I look back over the past six months. Everything that has happened is by the grace of God.

In the meantime, individuals have been growing in the Word. I am doing this ministry with my belief that the most important thing is rightly dividing the Word of God. For, ultimately, it is the work of the Holy Spirit, working through the truth of God's Word, that changes the mind of a person.

- ◆ I am continuing to teach the Westminster Confession of Faith in Sunday School. It is a real blessing to know the Word of God systematically.
- ◆ The ladies' Bible study has also been a precious time for women on weekdays. Covenant worship with children is a valuable, biblical tradition. However, mothers worshiping with young babies make it hard to hear sermons. The weekly Bible study for them is a very valuable time.



Children's Sermon

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- ◆ I am still preaching on the Gospel of Luke from the beginning of this year for our Lord's Day services. I sometimes preach on subjects, as well. During the last five weeks of October, I preached on the Five Solas of the Reformation, celebrating its 500th anniversary. And this December I am doing sermons on the Lord's Supper. This month we will hold the first Communion for this mission. In our group are individuals from Catholic, Baptist, and Methodist backgrounds. So, I will be preparing this whole month for preaching the truth of the Lord's Supper. Please pray for us.



Wedding of Jin's Brother

During this time, families have become more united as they learn of Christ through the preaching of the Word. As I said in my prayer card, there are strong cultural, generational, and linguistic barriers in Korean-American families. The only solution is Jesus Christ, who unites all in Himself. However, if only one of the family members has faith, the union is a difficult reality. We have seen one family in particular become open to the gospel and grow in unity

through the work of the Spirit through His Word. Please, keep praying for these Korean-American families to be united in one faith and to be established upon it.

I would say that I have been doing missionary-minded church planting. As you know, I am “planting” a church. However, in Tacoma it is still very rare for Korean-American people to find a church that is theologically Reformed with a presbyterian form of government. In fact, until I came to Western Reformed Seminary, I did not have much discernment about theology and church government. So, I understand well the people who are unaware of such things. However, I believe that blessed are those who have stepped into a Reformed and presbyterian church through the guidance of God. That is because I believe that Reformed and presbyterian churches are biblical. So now I am ministering with a missionary-mind to people in our church and those outside of the church. I am helping those in the church to gain knowledge of Reformed theology and the presbyterian church. I preach the gospel to unbelievers who are outside the church-- whomever I meet. Recently, I have been studying Romans with a gentleman. He has a belief that all religions in the world ultimately serve a transcendent being. Although the history of mankind has always been confused, it seems to me the more time goes by, the more people are deceived by strange ideas. They are attracted to all of these odd beliefs, but not to the Bible. Please pray for me so that I may properly bring God's wisdom to all those I meet and those to whom I minister.

In November I visited Korea for my brother-in-law's wedding. My 12-day visit seemed very short since I haven't been home for two years. However, during that period, I met a lot of family members, relatives, and believing friends. There was an occasion in which my relatives gathered to remember my grandmother, who died twelve years ago. I preached about the hope of the resurrection. It was so great to share the joy and grace of God with my many relatives. I also visited houses of my believing friends and had spiritual fellowship with worship and prayer. My mother-in-law made a joke that I was busier than President Trump in Korea. It was that important for me to meet and to have sweet fellowship with the people I love. And I wanted to share with them the grace of God as I preach and pray for them. After a short visit, we all said goodbye to both of our parents at the airport. The airport is always remembered as a place of sad farewells, although we love the United States, and we have our place here, our beloved friends of faith, and beloved people I serve.

America is still a mission field to us. Every week, we meet many unbelievers, souls who are hostile to Christ and bound to the Devil. Please keep praying for your home country. Please pray for the Tacoma area and for Korean-Americans. Also, please pray that my family would receive new strength from God every day.

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Fellowshipping with believing friends in Korea



“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.” Psa. 96:3

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