



Dan Kowach Prayer Letter

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Greetings from beautiful Gangneung! We are seeing signs of spring everywhere from the birds chirping outside, cherry blossoms blooming, and trees budding. The weather is definitely warming, and the strong winds wind down the mountains passes as they make their way to the open seas. All the new life springing up around us is a reminder of the hope we have of new life in Christ.

We are praising God for answered prayer in our church peoples' lives. One of our members has had some serious back problems and God has given him relief. Please pray for Brother Pak as he still has some lung and heart issues that he is dealing with. It has been so neat to see him growing in his faith. Bro. Pak is in his 60s and led a self-serving lifestyle. As a result, he lost everything, his fortune, his family, and his job. He is learning to trust Christ in a difficult financial situation as well as his health issues. One of our sisters has struggled with insomnia and joint pain, and God has seen fit to help her begin to rest well. Another brother was able to see a favorable outcome in a civil case against an insurance company. As they see God answering prayers in physical matters, they are also learning to trust God with more spiritual needs. All of our members have close family who are not Christians. Two of our ladies' husbands are not saved, and several have unsaved children, parents, and siblings. We continue to pray that they will see the difference in their lives and will come to Christ.

This month (April), we have started an ensemble, which practices every other week after the afternoon service. Our first official ensemble performance was a success. It left very few people in the pews, but we who participated were blessed. We also have a YouTube channel on which it was broadcast. We reminded our people that the true purpose of special music is to glorify God, and we did our best to sing praise to Him.

Our evangelism training has begun. We have an evangelistic outreach on the opposite Sundays of our ensemble practice. We were surprised and delighted that all but one of our members who has health issues stayed for the training. The people listened very closely and eagerly participated in the role play. Everyone who participated had an enjoyable time.

Their joy in learning to share the gospel is infectious! We pray that their fervor will not be dampened as they get out into the "real world".

An interesting phenomena that we have seen as we traveled all over the US is that as churches go on regular outreach programs, even if they don't see fruit specifically from the soulwinning, God will bring fruit from other areas. As we plan a coordinated gospel outreach we have had several conversations with people from our neighborhood. A lady from our neighborhood came up to our church on the fifth floor to inquire about the church. We were able to talk with her and give her some information about us and are praying that she will come visit. Last Saturday a gentleman called about our church. He wants his son Hye-min, who has started college here recently, to attend our church. Our deacon went to pick him up, and he joined us for a Sunday service. Another lady from the community scheduled a meeting and talked with me and our deacon for over two hours. She did not come to church this Sunday, but we will follow up and are praying for her and her husband and children to visit in the near future.

As we pray for our regularly scheduled outreach, we are also praying that each one of us will find one person to invest our time in and seek to win that one to Christ. Our prayer is that God will bring five new families to our church this year.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support our ministry. We are excited to see God continue this work through your prayer and financial contributions (Philippians 4:17). Pressing Toward the Mark,
Dan and Dee Kowach

- *Praise— We have good participation in the ensemble.*
- *Praise— The people are excited about the practical teaching of how to share the gospel. Everyone who was able, stayed for the evangelism outreach time.*
- *Praise— We have had several people stop by or call and inquire about the church.*
- *Prayer - Pray that our people will become grounded in the Word of God and reach out into our community and the surrounding area.*
- *Prayer— We are praying for five new couples to be added to the church in 2019. Each of us are praying for one person that we can invest time in and endeavor*



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