

Hello everyone!

This summer has been full and marks the completion of our third year in Korea! Praise the Lord for his continued provision, steadfastness, and sustainment over the last few years.

In June, we had the opportunity to help host a three-night retreat in Busan with the chaplains from our chapel at Camp Humphreys. Some members of our Friday night group, along with several non-believers, came with us. Jeff taught alongside the chaplains, clearly laying out the story of the Bible and preaching the gospel. It was fun to explore the area, eat a lot of good food, and mellow out on the beach with our group.

When the soldiers are with us, it’s as if the boys have big brothers with them. I loved it when the guys swam in the ocean with the kids and taught them how to ride the waves (or karate chop them). We took a trip to the aquarium with the kids and our group happily joined us. Young men and women in the military love to participate in the activities we plan for our kids (like the egg hunt I once did for the boys the first Easter we were here), and the aquarium was no different. They were just as enthusiastic about the jellyfish, sharks, and lionfish as the kids were!

I love watching sunrises on the beach, so I got up early to see one. The beach was quiet and beautiful as I sat in the sand and watched the early morning swimmers and runners. My Bible was open on my lap, and an elderly Korean man noticed as he walked by. He approached me with a smile and asked me what I was reading. When I told him, he smiled even bigger and said, “I’m a Christian too!” After



At the Beach in Busan

Kidz Korner:

Thankfully, the on-post outdoor pool opened this summer for the first time since we arrived. The boys have been swimming every week! Eli passed the swim test and subsequently received an armband that allows him to go off the high dive. Kirk needs a bit more practice, but we hope he will also receive an armband before too long. Joshie loves the kids’ mini water park area and tells me he “swims like a fishie.” We are approaching birthday season. Eli will be twelve, Kirk will be ten, and Joshie will be four this summer. Currently, one giant Nerf gun party is on the books for their collective birthday parties, and Joshie requested a volcano cake.

a few moments of talking, he said goodbye. But he said something that has stayed with me. He said, “We are family, and I will say goodbye, but I will see you again in heaven, and we will remember each other.”

We have met so many people in this ministry and during our years in the military. I have gone through my contacts on my phone to help me remember all the people I once interacted with who have now moved. But I keep thinking about that man on the beach. I don’t even know his name, but one day in heaven, we will bump into each other and recognize one another from our small interaction at sunrise on the beach in Busan. What an amazing heavenly family to which we belong.



Baby Box with Pastor Lee

This summer, we had the chance to bring our group to the Baby Box ministry in Seoul. If you are not familiar with this ministry, I **highly** recommend visiting their website: [www.babybox.or.kr](http://www.babybox.or.kr). Baby Box is a place where parents in crisis situations can drop off babies they are unable or unwilling to care for. Many years ago, Pastor Lee Jongrak noticed the desperate need for a safe space for abandoned babies. In 2009, the first baby box was constructed in the wall of the Jusrang Community Church. Since then, they have saved over 2,000 babies! The box has an outer door that can be opened, and there is a safe, warm spot for the infant



inside. Each time the box is opened, a loud bell rings in the building notifying volunteers that a baby has been dropped off. The center is staffed with volunteers 24/7.

After a baby has been surrendered, volunteers work with the parents to resolve their crisis, hoping to reunite the babies with their parents. We sat and spoke with Pastor Lee and heard his story of how God moved in his heart to start this ministry. We were able to drop off diapers and other donations and see the entire facility, including a baby who had been dropped off earlier that week! It was so precious seeing that small life warm and well-fed in the arms of the volunteers. We love showing our ministry members other mission organizations so they, too, can feel the call that God has placed on their lives. We want to instill in the soldiers that they are missionaries too, no matter what line of work they are in. God sends soldiers all over the world. The heart of our ministry is to make disciples who, when sent out from here, can also make disciples.

To add to our summer's busyness, I severely broke my toe. (I had an accident involving a passive-aggressive desk chair). So, after weeks of being busy, I now have to sit on the couch for a month. I've been saying that I wanted a break, and now that I have it, I am struggling. Please pray not only for my healing but also for my heart to be content with sitting down all day. Please also pray for Jeff as he is now doing more of the chores and child-wrangling.

Thanks again to all of you. We love you and miss you all so much!

**Candace, for the Walton Family**

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**Prayer Requests:**

- Healing for Candace's toe.
- Many are not fully committed to the Lord here. Pray they will hear truth from us and realize what it means to follow Jesus with their whole hearts, not just their mouths.
- Continued guidance and provision for a permanent property for Humphreys Hospitality House.




Praying for a Soldier Jeff has been discipling for 2 years



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