

Prayer Letter Vol. 8 – Lee Su-min, Lee Min-hye, Lee Ha-lin Family

Hallelujah!

Dear beloved co-laborers in Christ, it has been a long time since our last update. Since October of last year, much time has passed, and we sincerely apologize for not keeping in touch more frequently. These days, we are busier than ever with ministry and daily life—perhaps the busiest we have been since arriving in Kota Kinabalu. However, without your prayers, we could not have endured. We are truly grateful to all of you who continue to support us in prayer and through your generous giving.

1. Churchwide Retreat

Every October, our church gathers for a time of fellowship. Last year, we visited a valley, but this year, we went rafting together. More members participated compared to last year, and with the Korean school children joining us, the event was even more meaningful. It was a precious time for both adults and children to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.



2. Asia Korean School Teachers' Training Conference

In October, we attended the Asia Korean School Teachers' Training Conference in Manila, Philippines, along with three teachers and two Korean school students. This year was particularly special because my wife and one student received the Baekbeom Peace Award in the book report competition hosted by the Kim Koo Foundation, allowing them to attend the award ceremony. It was a meaningful opportunity for students to participate in competitions like book report contests and dream-sharing events, while teachers received high-quality training.



3. Sacrament Sunday

For the second half of 2024, our church held a sacrament service in which one person was baptized and another completed catechism. Although there are not many Koreans residing in Kota Kinabalu due to its nature as a tourist destination, we are grateful that we can hold sacrament services each year. This time was particularly touching as a mother, whose child was baptized last year, also received baptism. Witnessing how God leads entire families to salvation brought us great joy and gratitude.



4. Korean Culture Day

During the Korean Culture Day event hosted by the Korean Consulate in Kota Kinabalu, our Korean school operated a booth featuring traditional Korean bookmark-making and writing Korean names for foreigners. Our students actively participated as assistants, introducing the Korean language to visitors. It was a valuable opportunity for them to engage in cultural exchange and for us to share the beauty of the Korean language and culture.



5. Dedication Ceremony of the IGC Center in Palangka Raya, Indonesia

Our mission organization, IGC, held a dedication ceremony for a new center in Palangka Raya, Indonesia. Although it is on the same island as Kota Kinabalu, the journey took 29 hours, traveling through Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta. Despite the challenging journey, it was a precious time of prayer and anticipation for what God will do in that land. Many churches from Korea participated, and we had a blessed worship service with an Indonesian praise team.



6. Visit to Korea

During the Lunar New Year, my wife and I had the opportunity to visit Korea as we were invited to a missionary conference hosted by Songnae Sarang Church, our home church. It was a precious time to share about the ministry in Kota Kinabalu and our passion for the Gospel. Reconnecting with old friends, seniors, and juniors brought great encouragement, and above all, we were grateful for the chance to spend time with our families during the holiday.



7. Updates on Our Family – Lee Su-min, Lee Min-hye, Lee Ha-lin

1) Ministry Updates

Serving in an immigrant church is always a challenge. Unlike in Korea, we constantly need to seek wisdom in adapting to new circumstances through prayer. However, we are moving forward, holding onto the vision God has given our church: *"A Church That Believes, Enjoys, and Shares the Gospel."* In particular, we are preparing for the *Happiness Festival* to bring lost souls to Christ. We deeply appreciate your prayers for this event.

2) Family Updates

One of the biggest changes this year is that Ha-lin has started elementary school. While sending her to an international school would have been easier, we chose a local public school, which required extensive paperwork and administrative procedures. Waking up before 6 AM to prepare lunch and getting her to school by 7 AM has been challenging, but we are grateful for God's grace that enables us to handle everything with joy. Above all, we are proud of Ha-lin for adjusting well to school without complaints.

3) Financial Updates

We recently prayed about renewing our house lease, and by God's provision, we were able to extend it for another year. We sincerely thank everyone who has prayed and supported us.

When we first came here, we had no sending church or financial support, yet God has faithfully provided for our needs every step of the way. We are filled with gratitude and awe at His provision.

We have one more prayer request: Unlike Korea, public transportation is almost nonexistent here, making it very difficult to get around without a car. Most local families own at least two vehicles due to the necessity of transportation. We need at least one car for Ha-lin's school commute, grocery shopping, and daily life, and ideally, a second car for ministry purposes, including visitation and church activities.

Our church previously had an old van, but due to frequent breakdowns, we had to let it go. As a result, we now struggle with transportation for ministry and church-related activities. Please pray that God will provide a small vehicle for the church so that we can continue our work effectively.



Prayer Requests

1. For our church ministries, including short-term missions, the Happiness Festival, *Wednesday New Testament Journey*, small group meetings, and Youth KOSTA.
2. That we may follow God's guidance patiently and walk in obedience.
3. For language proficiency to expand our ministry and serve settled church members well.
4. That the church's needs (vehicles, sound equipment, etc.) will be met in God's way.
5. For our family's health and wisdom to manage both ministry and daily life.
6. That Ha-lin will adapt well to school and find good teachers and friends.