

We remember Korea, where the intense heat of August passes like a battle.
We hope you are doing well and enduring the tropical nights that continue late into the night.
By God's grace, our missionary family is doing well in Brazil. We are living through winter, the opposite season from Korea.
Our church members spend this difficult month in the cold, simply layering their clothes and wrapping themselves in blankets. We praise God who has protected and guided us until now.
We would like to share a few ways we have experienced His grace together.

1. Baptism Ceremony (Claudia)

Claudia came to Strong Growth Presbyterian Church through Isabel, a woman in our church. After faithfully completing the baptismal instruction, Claudia was baptized and received her first communion together with the whole congregation. and Sunday morning Bible study without missing a service, always making an effort to learn. On the last Sunday of each month, she also takes responsibility for cooking in the kitchen as we prepare lunch.
We are filled with great joy as we witness Claudia confess her faith with tears of gratitude during the baptism ceremony and commit herself to living out her faith. We pray that she will continue to faithfully live as a Christian in the days ahead.



2. Father's Day (Dia dos Pais)



August 9 is Father's Day.

In the daily lives of our neighbors, relationships begin and end repeatedly, and in the process, children are often left with their mothers. The lives of the members of our church are not very different. The breakdown of families is often marked by fathers' drug and alcohol addictions, infidelity, abuse, and financial irresponsibility. We are always saddened by the absence of adults who can provide a model of what it means to be a good father. It is fortunate when fathers at least send a small amount of child support, but we also see families struggling because the fathers have run away and their whereabouts are unknown. To those who have been left behind, we simply encourage them to live by faith, and we share our hearts with them by providing necessary daily necessities and offering comfort.

When we met Otavio while our church was worshiping in a park, he became a member of our church, and it has now been over a year since he began worshiping with us. Every Saturday, his entire family spends time with Otavio. Two years ago, they sent his wife to be with the Lord, and his children have each found a home near their father, who now lives alone, so that they can take care of him. As we see this family cherish and respect their father, who has protected and cared for his family throughout his life, we are deeply moved by this rare and natural example in today's world, and we find our hearts deeply touched. We are grateful for Otavio, who has become a model of a good father and a good Christian. We had a time of blessing the members and neighbors who are called fathers and shared gifts that we had prepared for them.



3. Bible Study and Daily Bible Reading



Osvaldo and Sonia, who attend Bible study every Tuesday, have accepted Jesus and begun attending church and worshiping regularly. As a couple, they are now reading three chapters of the Bible every day. We hope that the leader group and this couple will continue reading the Bible every day without stopping and complete the reading. We pray that they will also continue to grow in their faith through the Word. A fellow missionary couple we know visited Osvaldo and Sonia, spending time with them in the Word and prayer, and encouraging them so that they could build up their faith well. We often tell Sonia that the sweet coffee she makes with lots of sugar is the best. This time, we were able to visit them together with our fellow missionaries, making the time even more enjoyable and, we believe, a blessed time for the couple.

4. March for Jesus (Marcha de Jesus)

For the March for Jesus on the last Saturday of August, we purchased matching vests and flags and also prepared evangelistic flyers. For the church members, the women prepared drinks, water, and hot dog snacks. In the afternoon, we left the church carrying flags and evangelistic flyers, walked along Rua Jeronimo, the street below the church, handed out flyers, and invited the people we met to come to church.

A man in his 60s who works at a company said, "I have never found God until now, and I have concluded that He does not exist." Joao, whose eyes were clouded and who was so drunk that he could hardly speak, along with his more than ten friends and women who smoked with guarded expressions, showing no interest in the Gospel—the scenes of Rua Jeronimo are not unfamiliar to us. Still, what we are thankful for is that our church members, like precious jewels, live along this long stretch of road. That is what makes this a familiar and dear road to us. The work of sharing the Gospel will continue. The pace may be slow, but our direction is toward the Lord, because we believe that the Lord will call His people in His time. Please join us in prayer so that our passion for the Gospel will not grow weary but continue.



5. Missionary Update (Missionary Sung-Yong Kim)



Our church's missionary, Sung-Yong Kim, who has been serving among the local people in Del Este, Paraguay, for over ten years, faced a medical emergency due to a serious physical illness, but with the help of local church members and friends, he was able to get through the critical period safely. While he was receiving treatment for sudden difficulty breathing and chest pressure, his condition worsened as fluid accumulated in his abdomen. Based on the doctor's recommendation, he was advised to return to Korea for further medical treatment. Therefore, the sending church decided to bring the missionary back to Korea.

Missionary Sung-Yong Kim is a pastor of GAWPC (General Assembly of World Presbyterian Churches) and has continued his ministry in Paraguay, sent by Rock Presbyterian Church in Brazil, pastored by missionary Yong-Jo Cha. The members of the GAWPC Brazil Presbytery and Presbytery President Yong-Jo Cha had a time of farewell and comfort with Pastor Sung-Yong Kim, beautifully concluding his honorable ministry as a missionary in South America. Please pray that he will receive proper treatment for his physical illness in Korea and be able to devote the rest of his life more beautifully to the Lord.

6. Construction Update

We are thankful that the construction has continued without stopping during the third quarter as we send this mission letter. We laid paving blocks in the yard and had covers made at a metal shop to cover the drainage channels. A sink and faucet were also installed in the kitchen. For safety, we still need to order and install an iron door, and we also need a cabinet for storing dishes. We need to continue paying labor costs every two weeks, but it is also God's grace that He has guided us this far.

The electrical work (approximately KRW 10 million) and painting of the building will also continue as funds are provided. On Saturdays, the women in our church voluntarily gather at the church to clean, remove the dust, and prepare for Sunday worship. Their willingness to serve is truly precious. We ask that you join us in praying that generous support, both financially and through willing service, will not cease until the construction of the Lord's house is completed.



Prayer Requests

1. That the necessary funds for the construction will be provided
 - Electrical wiring work and labor costs (approximately US \$7,308)
 - Equipment: TV, refrigerator, 8 security cameras, 2 monitors (approximately US \$3,654)
 - Video and sound equipment (approximately KRW 6 million US \$4,385)
 - Lighting fixtures (approximately KRW 2 million US \$1,462)
2. That the church leaders will grow spiritually and receive proper training
3. That our missionary family will always remain safe
4. That Pastor Sung-Yong Kim's health will recover quickly

