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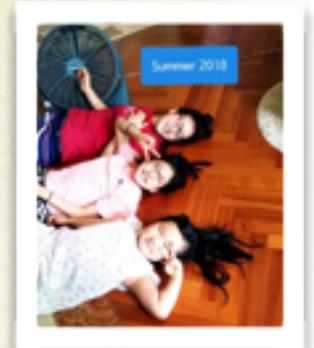
We are grateful that the peak of this summer's sweltering heat is almost behind us. Weekly temperatures reaching up to 117F were pretty much the norm this summer. Weather experts here stated that it had been at least **100 years ago since Korea had experienced such a heat wave here!**

Needless to say, the use our kitchen oven was avoided at all cost along with cooking at the gas stove very much limited since we were not able to install a window A/C unit in the kitchen. The **hunt for our**

church building in Paju continues. We met with a few realtors, but would need at least \$20,000 in down payment for a rental of a two- year lease. [A few of you asked about this **rental system in Korea**. Korea has a unique (but very burdensome) real estate system where the tenant has to come up and give the Landlord a large sum of "key money" when a lease is signed. This would be similar to a security deposit in the US. I believe this system became the norm after the Korean War to protect the land owners. The amount of key money required depends on the economy and the location of the property. Usually the amount required is about 20% of the property's value, but can be as high as 30-40%. This is how the approximate \$20,000- \$30,000 figure is calculated at the location in Paju. However, this key money will be refunded when the lease expires.]

One on one discipleship continues and there is steady spiritual growth in the lives of these folks that we minister to

weekly. One 30 year old female that Rose has been steadily discipling the past 10 months has asked **questions finally on how to have the Lord as Savior of one's life**. Please continue to pray for this dear lady friend of ours as we invest



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for her eternity. Brandon faithfully also continues discipleship studies for the men throughout the week and there is steady growth though slow.

And as always, we are more than **thankful to the Lord** and **grateful for your faithful prayers and financial support for this precious ministry** here in Paju! We continue to ask prayers for our three daughters as they grow in the Lord serving Him alongside Mom and Dad. They would also appreciate prayers for God's blessing over this new school year.



**Faithfully serving the Lord in Paju, Korea,
The Song Family**

Brandon, Rose, Lauren, Lyndsy and Lilyanne

*****Update-** upon finishing this prayer letter, we found an ideal (500-600 sq. ft) fully furnished, **one-room church meeting place in Paju city** within the amount of down payment we are currently praying for. ****Please see pictures below and keep this in your daily prayers, if you would!!*

