

Prayer Letter Vol. 11

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Grace and peace to you in the Lord.

Since last November, we have passed through the end of one year and the beginning of another, and we now find ourselves moving toward spring. We are deeply grateful to all of you who have continued to pray for us and walk alongside us with love and faithfulness.

Though we are far apart, your prayers and support remain a great encouragement and strength to our ministry here. As we look back, both the past year and the beginning of this new year have been sustained not by our strength, but by God's grace and your faithful prayers. Trusting that the same Lord will continue to lead us, we move forward with hope.

With thankful and expectant hearts, we would like to share some updates from the ministry over the past months.

We pray that throughout this year, God's grace and peace will fill your homes, and that you may enjoy spiritual and physical strength each day.

1. Thanksgiving Sunday & Gratitude Challenge

Once again, we held our Thanksgiving Gratitude Challenge, sharing weekly reflections of thanksgiving and offering our hearts to God in daily life. During this time, we were also able to repair the roof at the church entrance, which had long been inconvenient during rainy days. Though a small change, it reminded us of God's gentle and detailed care for our community.

2. Sacrament Service in the Second Half of the Year

Celebrating sacraments on foreign soil is always a precious blessing. This time, a sister who joined the church through last year's outreach received catechism training with a sincere and devoted heart.

Though it was not baptism, her confession before God and the church deeply moved the entire congregation.

3. Bazaar for Jungle Mission

Though small in number, our church continues to obey the Great Commission by supporting local pastors serving in the jungle areas of Borneo.

Learning that one pastor had to rent a motorcycle each time he traveled deep into the jungle, the entire church came together to hold a bazaar and raise support to help provide one.

We pray this will allow him to serve and share the gospel with greater safety and confidence.

4. 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

In 2025, our church celebrated its 30th anniversary.

In a time when even a few years of ministry can be challenging, we clearly confessed that 30 years of faithfulness is entirely God's grace.

Reflecting especially on the past three years, we were reminded once again of God's deep love for the Kota Kinabalu Korean Church.

5. New Year Praise & Testimony Service

We began 2026 with a praise and testimony service.

Through worship and testimonies shared by a guest worship minister, the congregation received renewed comfort, encouragement, and strength in the Lord.

6. Joint Vacation Bible School

This January, missionaries led a team to serve our church children through a Vacation Bible School.

In the reality of limited next-generation workers in immigrant churches, this was a precious opportunity for both children and parents to grow in faith.

Personal Prayer Requests

1) Ministry

In immigrant churches, it is common for families to move to other countries or return home.

Several families, including some leaders, have moved on during this season. Though these changes are not easy, we trust that ministry belongs to God, not us, and we continue to faithfully serve where He has placed us.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek and follow God's will step by step.

2) Family

Our family's health remains an important prayer request.

Recently, my wife experienced dizziness and illness and had to miss some ministry responsibilities.

Living in a hot climate with constant air-conditioning requires ongoing care.

Harin is now in second grade and doing well with friends, but studying in three languages remains a challenge.

Please pray for God's grace and gifting in language learning for our family.

We also ask for prayer for our visa renewal process scheduled for late April.

3) Finances

Church support continues at the same level as last year.

Even in challenging circumstances, we are grateful for God's provision and the consideration of the congregation.

While changes such as currency fluctuations affect daily life, we continue to trust the God who feeds and clothes us.

Please pray that we may steward what God provides wisely and faithfully fulfill the ministry entrusted to us.

Prayer Points

1. That our church would firmly hold its identity as a community being built together in Christ
2. That we would look beyond circumstances and trust in God who is at work
3. That God would continue to send His people even as others move on
4. That the church would be a source of comfort and hope within the Korean community

5. That God's grace and fruit would be evident in the upcoming outreach festival and Youth KOSTA
 6. That our family and extended families would remain healthy and faithful in God's calling
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