

Prayer Newsletter | Vol. 13

The Lee Family — Sumin, Minhye & Halin

Embracing Kota Kinabalu, Reaching Sabah and the Nations

Greetings from Kota Kinabalu!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Since our last prayer newsletter, God has graciously opened doors for us to serve people throughout Kota Kinabalu and Sabah through partnerships with several short-term mission teams. He has also blessed us with meaningful opportunities to invest in the next generation and build relationships within the missionary community.

As we reflect on these busy months, we are reminded that what matters most is not how much we have accomplished, but why God has called our family and church to serve here.

What began as a ministry primarily serving the Korean community is gradually expanding as God opens our hearts to the people of Sabah and beyond.

We are grateful to share these ministry updates and prayer requests with you. Please continue to pray that we may faithfully follow God's leading, not by our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit.

01. United in the Gospel

Three Churches, One Mission

From June through August, we had the privilege of partnering with three churches from Korea: Malseum Jeonwon Church, Songnae Sarang Church, and Jejadeul Church.

The team from Malseum Jeonwon Church served through a healing seminar, Vacation Bible School, Korean language school activities, church cleaning, and even preparing kimchi. Their thoughtful service met many practical needs of our church.

The high school mission team from Songnae Sarang Church invested in our youth and reached out to underserved communities through various acts of service.

Together with Jejadeul Church, we traveled to Tawau and Semporna in eastern Sabah. We conducted worship and instrumental training for local church worship teams, shared performances at refugee schools, distributed relief supplies to the water-dwelling Bajau community, and provided medical assistance, performances, and humanitarian support at a refugee school on a remote island.

Through these partnerships, God reminded us that missions is not simply about welcoming and assisting visiting teams. He is also calling our own church members to be equipped and actively participate in sharing the gospel.

02. KNOWN — Known by God

Youth Retreat | July 10–11

Our youth gathered for a two-day, one-night retreat under the theme "KNOWN — God Knows Me."

Through worship, prayer, small-group sharing, and a meaningful candlelight reflection, we explored Psalm 139 and Ephesians 2:10, discovering what it means to be personally known, loved, and created by God.

Although our youth group is small, each student is precious in God's eyes.

Our prayer is that these young people will discover their identity not through the world's expectations, but through God's truth. May they move beyond simply following their parents' faith and come to know Jesus Christ personally as their own Lord and Savior.

03. God's People in Eastern Sabah

KMAM Missionary Family Retreat | Tawau & Semporna

From July 20–24, we participated in the KMAM Missionary Family Retreat held in Tawau and Semporna.

Sumin served on the organizing committee, helping with media production and presentation subtitles.

It was a meaningful opportunity to worship, fellowship, and encourage fellow missionary families who faithfully serve in different ministry settings.

When we returned to the same region in August with the Jejadeul Church mission team, we were reminded once again that God is gradually expanding our vision beyond Kota Kinabalu to other communities throughout Sabah.

These experiences led us to reflect more deeply on a question:

"Why has God called us to this land of Sabah and placed us here?"

We pray that He will continue to shape our hearts according to His purposes.

04. Expanding Our Opportunities to Serve

Serving the Missionary Community and the Next Generation

God has been opening new opportunities for us to serve beyond our local church.

This year, Sumin began serving as Vice President of Sabaragi, a fellowship of missionaries serving in Sabah.

We are also serving in the Korean Language School Association, with Sumin as Secretary and Minhye as Treasurer. Together, we have been helping prepare for the Korean Language School Teachers' Training Conference in Bali this October.

More than holding positions or fulfilling responsibilities, our desire is to become faithful servants who connect and encourage churches, missionary families, and the next generation.

Please pray that in every responsibility entrusted to us, the name of Jesus Christ—not our own—will be honored and glorified.

05. Investing in One Child, Impacting a Generation

Korean Language School & Teachers' Training

The second semester of Kota Kinabalu Korean Language School began in late August.

Regardless of the number of students, we want to faithfully care for every child and family God has entrusted to us.

Our hope is that the school will be more than a place to learn the Korean language and culture. We pray that it will also become a place where children experience genuine love, encouragement, and care.

From October 19–24, thirteen participants, including teachers, family members, and a student, will travel to Bali for the Korean Language School Teachers' Training Conference.

Please pray for safe travels, meaningful learning, renewed strength for our teachers, and lasting fruit in the lives of the children they serve.

06. A Season to Rest and Give Thanks

Growing Together as a Family in Christ

We traveled to Korea for Harin's regular medical checkups. In September, our family also had an opportunity to rest, visit our home church, and spend time giving thanks for God's faithfulness.

Living and serving overseas continues to teach us that caring for our family and growing together in Christ is just as important as the ministry itself.

Please pray that Harin will continue to grow in good health and according to God's perfect timing, and that Minhye and Sumin will remain physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy as we serve the Lord for many years to come.

We are also facing an important financial need this October as we prepare to renew the lease on our home.

Thankfully, our landlord has agreed to renew the lease without increasing the rent. However, because we must pay a full year's rent in advance, the financial burden is significant, especially with the current exchange rate.

We trust the God who has faithfully provided for us until now.

Please pray that He will provide what is needed in His perfect way and allow our family to continue serving in a stable and peaceful home.

07. Equipped Together, Sent Together

Preparing for the Next Chapter of Ministry

Through our partnerships with visiting mission teams, God has placed a new vision on our hearts.

We long to see our church grow beyond simply hosting short-term mission teams into a community where our own members are equipped through God's Word and prayer and actively participate in sharing the gospel.

In 2027, we hope to develop discipleship training and outreach opportunities suited to the needs and circumstances of our congregation.

Our prayer is that our church members will willingly carry the gospel to their neighbors, to communities throughout Sabah, and wherever God leads.

We also have some practical needs related to our worship facilities.

Sound does not reach certain areas at the back of our sanctuary clearly, so we hope to install an additional monitor speaker.

Our wireless microphones also experience frequent signal interference and audio dropouts during worship services, making replacement increasingly necessary.

Our goal is not to purchase better equipment for its own sake, but to create an environment where everyone can hear God's Word and participate in worship without unnecessary distractions.

Please pray for wisdom in choosing appropriate solutions and for God's provision for these needs.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

October 2026

- "Walking with the Word" — Bible meditation and worship seminars
- Baptism and church membership preparation classes
- Korean Language School Teachers' Training Conference in Bali
- Church-wide fellowship outing

November–December 2026

- New believer discipleship classes
- Baptism service
- Completion of the Korean Language School's second semester
- Planning and preparation for 2027 ministries

Looking Ahead to 2027

- Discipleship and missions training with outreach opportunities
- Preparation for the appointment and installation of church officers
- Fall Gospel Outreach Festival

Please Pray With Us

1. For Our Church

Pray that Kota Kinabalu Korean Church will continue to grow together in Christ, embrace the Korean community, and become a church that faithfully shares the gospel throughout Sabah and the nations.

2. For Spiritual Growth and Worship

Pray that our church members will be deeply rooted in God's Word and worship, walking with Jesus as faithful disciples in their everyday lives.

3. For the Next Generation

Pray that the children and youth in our church, along with the students at our Korean Language School, will discover their identity in Christ and grow in faith, wisdom, and spiritual maturity.

4. For Discipleship and Missions

Pray that God will open doors for the discipleship training and outreach ministries we are preparing for 2027, and that our church members will be equipped to personally participate in sharing the gospel.

5. For Faithful Ministry Workers and Leaders

Pray that God will raise up faithful servants for every area of ministry and give us wisdom to discern His will as we prepare future ministries and the appointment of church officers.

6. For Upcoming Ministry Events

Pray for safety and God's guidance during the teachers' training conference in Bali and all remaining ministry activities this year. May every gathering and opportunity bear lasting spiritual fruit.

7. For Our Family and Housing Needs

Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our family, especially Harin's continued growth and well-being.

We also ask for prayer as we renew our home lease in October. We need approximately KRW 12 million (12,000,000 Korean won) to cover one year's rent.

Please pray that God will provide these funds in His perfect way and allow our family to continue serving in a stable home.

8. For Worship Equipment and Facilities

Pray for God's provision and wisdom as we address two important needs in our sanctuary:

- Additional monitor speaker to improve sound coverage: approximately MYR 1,000
- Replacement wireless microphone system to resolve frequent signal interference: approximately MYR 8,000–9,000

May these improvements help our congregation hear God's Word clearly and worship without unnecessary interruptions.

Thank You for Standing With Us

We are deeply grateful to every church, friend, and prayer partner who continues to stand with us, even from thousands of miles away.

Your prayers, love, and faithful partnership help us reach individuals with the gospel, disciple the next generation, and extend Christ's love to communities throughout Sabah.

We trust the Lord who goes before us, guides our steps, and provides for every need in His perfect timing.

By His grace, we will continue to serve faithfully wherever He has placed us.

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With love and gratitude in Christ,

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