

An Update from ...
**The Lemon
Family**

Missionaries to the “strangers
scattered throughout”
Korea and Beyond
1 Peter 1:1...Acts 15



A look back at
October-December 2023

Prayer Requests Update!!

As mentioned in the last update letter, I do not usually lead out with long prayer request dialogues. However, to update I will once again.

The house has been repaired for which we are grateful. Not exactly as I wanted, but enough to stop the water from pouring in.

Thank all of you that helped with this. We truly are grateful and want to report of God's goodness.

We are still in need of paying off past travel expenses. The interest payments are not helpful with the sharp rise in expenses here in Asia. Please let me know if you would like any other information on this need. We would love to move forward in several areas, but do not feel it's wise until we are zeroed out on past ministry expenses.

Please pray with us and ask if the Lord would have you to help out!

Prayer Requests

- Our children as they seek the Lord's will for service.
- Jonathan and Vivian in college
- Clear ministry direction in these days of ministry expansion
- Dental and VA health needs
- AMB Church plant growth
- Provision for past travel needs (many added expenses)

Our BEYOND Ministry, Reaching out to the Strangers Scattered... 1 Peter 1:1

Asia Specific... God is opening up several new doors. He is truly showing us the expansion of our ministry direction far beyond our “normal” scope. These are exciting **days of multiplication** rather than addition. The Lord showed us in I Thess 3:2 “And sent Timotheus, ... to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:...10b that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?”

There is such an incredible need to keep care of those already saved and have a desire to build His Church. We are seeing two specific opportunities. **First...**using technology...I'm not great at this, but always willing to learn. We have begun teaching and training via media and plan more. And then **second...**face to face for short periods of time. This is proving to truly have “**fruit that remains**” far after we are gone. We will be traveling more in these days. Please pray for this!!

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Picture update October-December 2023

Asian Mission Baptist Church plant continued update...



Children's Ministry and Bible Camp 2023

If you want to be a **personal part of this ministry, please let me know.**

There are **many specific needs each week!** This is a **multi-national work** reaching **refugees and displaced people groups.** It will be a long time, with much teaching and training, for this to be a self-sustaining work. Currently we are fully funding this mission work...**we sure could use help!!**



Our desire is, of course, to have this a self-sustaining church...until that can happen there is a need for help in these areas... Please consider helping in one of these specific areas??!!

→ **Building rent/Utilities** \$250 Monthly. → **Monthly help** for the local Pastor JaLae and family. \$250 → **Outreach expense-** as refugees and displaced people, they have nothing...We provide a small food bag, of some sort, for each person during each evangelistic outreach (several per month) \$150 → **Vehicle purchase** -\$5000...monthly vehicle costs. \$100

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Ministry Expansion Update...

2024

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**Pray for several ministry opportunities in expanded regions...
“Dark Street Ministry Outreach”**

Behind every main street there are several streets, behind...further back. With the amount of surface work so easily available in most countries... there's “no need” to push back deeper... except when the Lord keeps bringing “Dark Street People” across your path.

For many years we have been faced with needs from the “back allies” in all the countries that we frequent. Due to the sensitive nature, **this ministry does not make update letters** because we live on site or traveling with people not directed to this type of ministry. This has limited our effectivity and **compromises the ministry** in obvious ways. (If you should desire **to further assist** in this outreach, we would be available to provide any needed details. Please let me know and we can arrange a phone call)

We have been clearly directed to remedy this hinderance this year and will be expanding outreach by being more transient as one of many expansions. There are pockets of people that one would **never come in contact with by basic, traditional, inside-the-box evangelism** and training. The Lord has made this clear by regularly putting people from these groups in our path. We have several things in the works now and will keep everyone up-to-date as we can.

Communicating this is all new...I **simply ask you to TRUST** us by trusting **our faithfulness**, our **clear direction**, and our **family's commitment to the Lord's work** over two decades.

Many of these people groups are illegals, refugees, displaced for a myriad of reasons. MANY that we meet are **saved...born again people** involved in a difficult life of bondage and believe there is no way out. The time-consuming task of peeling back the veneer is very difficult!!

These are exciting days...certainly not easy **but encouragement and trust** will surly clear some “debris” from the trail and make us **exceedingly more efficient**.

Thank you all for your **prayers and support** over these many years.

Joe and Kristin Lemon & family