



# Dan and Dee Kowach

serving at

## Calvary Baptist Church

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**Summer has been a slow time.** Daegu summers are hot, but this year was hotter than usual. People tend to stay indoors and the foot traffic around the church is much less. We are looking forward to a break in the heat when people will be out and about again on a regular basis. However, we have had some exciting things happening!

**New attendees!** We are grateful for Dave, a new soldier here on an unaccompanied tour. He is such a blessing when he is able to come, but his schedule at work does not allow him to attend regularly. We also have an older Korean couple that has been attending regularly, as well as two brothers and a single lady, also Korean. And just recently, a new incoming soldier and his family began attending. We are thankful for their faithful attendance. Pray with us as we teach about the importance of church membership.

**Busy start to fall.** The first weekend of September was busy with a work day on Saturday, September 2. Several of our people came and helped with extra cleaning and organizing. Then, Sunday was our monthly fellowship meal. Our fellowship area was packed and we had to set up an extra table in the foyer. We had a great time with our regular people as well as visiting family. And finally, we had an long weekend with Labor Day on Monday. We invited everyone from our church who had the day off, as well as some acquaintances from the community. Once again, the fellowship was sweet and we were able to celebrate one little man's second birthday.

**Please pray.** As we head into the fall season, pray for us as we actively disciple Zach and share the Gospel with his wife SeoHyeon. Pray for those we mentioned to officially join in membership. Pray for the new Tuesday night English Bible study we started in another area of town. We had two of our faithful attendees and another lady who had visited the church a few times with her husband who has yet to visit the church. Pray also for a reliable interpreter. With more Koreans starting to attend whose English proficiency is not as strong, the need for real time interpretation grows. We also are planning to take a furlough next year, and having an interpreter in place is vital for the replacement missionaries as they will not know much, if any Korean.

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**Personal news.** The month of August was difficult. Dee started the month with a stomach virus, and as she was almost recovered from that, she came down with Covid, which meant Dan had to do most of the cooking and cleaning and caring for Dee on top of his regular study and translation time. Praise the Lord, this time it did not go to her lungs, and she is on the mend, but it took a couple of weeks to regain her strength. The reality of age is also beginning to set in. Dan has been having some knee pain and has been officially diagnosed with arthritis. This has renewed the urgency for to find an apartment with an elevator when our current housing contract ends in March. It will be a quick turnaround with our furlough scheduled to start in early April.



**More good byes.** It has been a long time coming, but Maricel will finally have her visa interview at the U.S. Embassy this month. She will fly out to be with her husband, Don, in early October. Nicola, our South African English teacher will also be leaving, and Mike, a Filipino who was working in a factory, will be heading home in a few weeks. We pray that God will guide them as they move on to other ministries.



**And finally, furlough news.** We still have a few details to iron out, but we are planning our furlough from April to September of 2024. We are looking forward to time with family, reporting to churches, and are excited for the May wedding of our second daughter Alyssa and her fiancé Eric. Pray for us as we begin making our schedule and making all the necessary arrangements.

Pressing on,

*Dan and Dee Kowach*

- **Prayer**— full-time translator/ assistant pastor
- **Salvation** — SeoHyun
- **Baptism and/or church membership**— Vivian, Tina, Zach, the Carrington family
- **Praise**— God is continuing to provide for the church through your financial contributions.



- **Praise**— We have had new additions to our church family! Zach and SeoHyun welcomed baby Lina in July.

- **Praise**—The Carrington family has started coming faithfully.

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