



# Korea Kronicles

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Jungshin and I enjoying a short trip to the southern coast of Korea last month

*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)*

It wasn't supposed to happen this way. This was going to be my last update from Korea, announcing our imminent return to the United States. Jungshin would start her English studies in October, and I would begin working on ministry partner development. We had it all planned out.

But as the days went by without any word on our **green card** application, we began to wonder whether things would work out exactly as we had expected. Then came the official prognosis: *we would have to wait for at least 3 more months in Korea.*

When we heard the news, we were pretty disappointed. We were confused, too. We had never even considered staying in Korea past early October. In fact, we had already begun saying our goodbyes. It *felt* like the right time to go, and we thought we were ready. *So, we asked God, why?*

For a while, I struggled to understand. Leaving later meant rethinking all of our plans and schedules. It meant it might take us even longer to get back to Japan. Plus, *what was I supposed to do here for 3 more months?*

It hasn't been easy, but God has used this process to challenge our trust in Him and teach us to be faithful where He has us, for as long as He wants to have us there.

Right now, how long we'll be in Korea is still uncertain. Honestly, it could be as late as next February. But **we're praying that God might graciously allow us to return to America to spend this Christmas with family.** We've still got another round of documents and an interview to go, but we'd like to ask you to join in praying for that timeline with us.

In the meantime, *God has opened up some very exciting opportunities for us to minister this semester.* We believe that He still has us here in Korea for "such a time as this." (Esther 4:14)

Jungshin has been meeting with students and helping a new staff member do evangelism on her old campus. Together, we're also *launching a new outreach aimed at Japanese exchange students at Korea University.*

We're currently working out the final details of a time and meeting place, as well as recruiting Korean Christian students to help us. We'll

be starting activities in earnest next week. We're praying this ministry might keep growing and serve as a model for others once we're gone.

This could be our legacy here, but *we know we can't do anything unless God helps us.* Please pray He would work through us over these next few months to have an eternal impact.

Life is never predictable, but we're grateful for a God who loves us and always does what's best for us. Thank you so much for your prayers, and have a wonderful month in Him.

## Prayer Requests

- That God would guide our ministry to Japanese students and use it to bear everlasting fruit for His glory
- To receive Jungshin's green card in time to be home for Christmas
- Salvation for Jungshin's father

## Ryan & Jungshin



My friend Dale went back to Australia recently. Before he left, we had a good chance to talk about life and God. Please pray Dale would come to know Jesus and seek His will for the future.

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