

<2023 January Tonga Mango Tree Mission Prayer Letter>

Dear prayer friend,

We are writing this prayer letter in Korea right now. Looking back at the past time, 2022 was indeed a special year to us. The beginning of 2022 shocked us with the eruption of an underwater volcano, followed by a tsunami that caused great damage, and then a thick layer of harmful volcanic ash that covered the entire island, giving us all pain for a long time. In the midst of this, through the passionate prayers and helping hands of the co-workers for the Mango Tree ministry for the Tongan people suffering from natural disasters and, we were able to serve most of the disabled families living on this island with the loving hand of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By God's grace, we were able to build a stronger relationship of trust with them.

It is the wonderful grace of the Lord and a great joy for us to see that the ministry that has been serving the disabled in this country with the Lord's love for the past 15 years bear abundant fruit. Many children with disabilities have gone to school after being rehabilitated to walk or use a wheelchair. Children with hydrocephalus and low vision also go to school with school fee supports. Young adults with intellectual impairment grow up with God's Word, learn skills necessary for life such as baking cakes, and develop physical strength and social skills through disability sports such as table tennis. Stroke patients come to the centre every week to receive physio services, fellowship in the love of Jesus, praise and pray together, and share God's grace.

<Mango Tree Centre Ministry News>

In the meantime, there have been difficulties, such as the lack of local staff and the inability of foreign rehabilitation experts to come to Tonga, but we overcame all these difficulties well, and this year, the rehabilitative therapies ministry of the Mango Tree Centre went smoothly.



(Photo: Disabled child undergoing rehabilitation training)

Young adults with intellectual impairment have been trained to bake cakes for the past 5 months, and now they can bake delicious banana and carrot cakes well. Thankfully, many people with disabilities who are being served at the various rehabilitation programs in our centre are enjoying delicious cakes.



(Pictured: young people with disabilities are learning how to bake cakes)

Over the past few months, we have created a booklet (PODD Book), which is a contextual arrangement of symbols and words that indicate the needs of daily life so that children with speech impairments can communicate with their caregivers. By producing these PODD books and providing them to their parents and caregivers, we have helped children who cannot speak properly to communicate effectively in their daily lives.



(Photo: Making a PODD Book to be used for communication with children who cannot speak)

We repaired the house of Sau, a child with cerebral palsy, that was destroyed by the tsunami. The broken walls and windows were repaired, the ceiling was attached, and the interior and exterior walls were painted to make the house better than before. For this purpose, the Rotary Club of New Zealand provided construction materials,

and Pastor Hoon Ji from New Zealand did a great job with the repairs. Praise the Lord who makes us work together for good!



(Photo: Sau's house was damaged by the tsunami but has been repaired)

<Mango Tree Church News>

Mango Tree Church of the Nazarene held a baptism ceremony on 13th November during the 3rd anniversary service. 6 church members were baptized on a nearby beach. We couldn't gather for the Sunday worship service for a while due to Covid 19, so we had a worship service over the phone and a daily devotion through Facebook, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, we grew more in faith.



(Photo: All members together, after the baptism ceremony)

Also, four church members have been studying the Course of Studies through the zoom. Among them, two church members who completed 6 subjects were qualified as Licensed Minister this time. We praise God who will save the lost souls in Tonga through Mango Tree Church of the Nazarene.



(Photo: Missionary In-Kwon is holding a baptismal ceremony for the members of Mango Tree Church)

<Prayer topics>

1. We have been visiting Korea since the beginning of December to have Home Assignment and will return to Tonga on 9th February 2023. We hope to have many opportunities to report the Mango Tree Centre ministry while we are in Korea. Please pray for the deputation services in several churches.
2. While we are having Home Assignment in Korea, Rev. Brandino and Carol minister on our behalf. Pray for the Lord to guide them as they adapt well in Tonga and for the power of the Holy Spirit to be with them.
3. As the number of church members attending Mango Tree Church increases, the therapy hall in our centre where we have the Sunday worship service feels cramped. By God's grace, Lord Fakafanua, the Speaker of the Parliament, donated the land to build the Mango Tree Church building. The new land is located very close to the Mango Tree Centre. Please pray with us for all the paper works for the survey and the cabinet approval for the land, and for the construction work.

We wish you have a Blessed New Year!

In-Kwon and Jeong-Seok Kim

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