

CHANGING PATHS

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left: While strolling with two friends, Dee Dee was able to encourage the wife, sharing that we regularly pray for the Gospel to take root in her heart. center: Grains of rice about to be harvested. right: Lily and Olivia play with two friends whom they invited to attend our church.

Jesus' parables of sowers and seeds are well-liked passages that are oft-quoted to illustrate the point that not everyone who hears the Gospel believes it. Other agricultural metaphors were used by Jesus, including the man who scattered seed on the ground only to watch it sprout and grow 'by itself' without understanding the biological process (Mark 4:26-29). Both of these lessons are helpful reminders of our role as Christians, no matter where we live. After given a chance to share our faith in word or deed, instant transformation to a life of trust in Jesus isn't necessarily the norm. At the same time, when we are blessed with witnessing a harvest of faith, we recognize it can only be the result of the work of the Holy Spirit who grants that trust as a gift.

Relationships with individuals and families we have met in Seoul, such as those represented above, continue to provide windows of opportunity to give testimony of the source of our faith, hope, and love. Because it is abundantly clear to us that we would not have these chances if God weren't working through the partnership in the Gospel that we share with you, we thank you for your support. As the grains of rice in a green field have sprouted and grown, ready for the harvest, we pray the Lord may work in the lives of these individuals and call them to a life-giving faith.



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