

To: Mississippi Valley Presbytery  
From: Teaching Elder Jae Yoo  
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Subject: "Out of Bounds Annual Report (2012~2013)"

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! I hope and pray that the Lord will continue to lead and bless you as you serve Him and His Kingdom in many different areas of ministry. It is also my pleasure to share with you what the Lord has been doing in my life as well as in the life of Seoul Covenant Church.

After returning to my country Korea in the late fall of 2008, the Lord blessed the vision of planting a gospel-centered reformed church here in Seoul. As a result, Covenant Church was started in the spring of 2009 with about a little more than 10 expats here in Seoul. What was unique about the Covenant Church Plant was the fact that it was the English-speaking congregation that was started first before the Korean Congregation could start with the help of the English congregation. The Korean congregation started in the fall of 2009 about six months after the English congregation had started. So there are two congregations under the umbrella of Covenant Church. I have been functioning as the pastor for both congregations. It has not been easy yet it has been a very humbling experience for me as well as for my wife. We have also been able to experience God's faithfulness along the way.

This year in the spring, we were led to appoint elders and deacons for the English congregation. We praise the Lord for this. There are still many challenges by which we are constantly humbled before God. However, I do not want to neglect that there are many things for which we can certainly give thanks to God. For instance, in Covenant Church, there are young people who are reformed in their theology and they are dedicated to serving and growing the Kingdom of God. The Korean side is also growing in their understanding of the gospel and in learning how to apply the gospel truth to their lives.

Once again, I thank you for your concern and prayer for Seoul Covenant Church Plant. I covet your continued prayers. As some of you may be aware that the Korean Church is declining in numbers as well as in her faithfulness. There are many heretics nowadays. Young Koreans are rapidly losing interest in Christianity these days. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen Covenant Church so that we can continue to preach the gospel and remain faithful to God's calling and His sovereign plan.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Seoul Covenant Church Plant, please visit our website at "[seoulcovenantchurch.org](http://seoulcovenantchurch.org)" or our facebook at "Seoul Covenant Church".

God's peace and grace be with all of you!

Sincerely Yours,

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