

The World Center for North Korea Missions

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Ministry Overview

VISION

ABOUT THE WORLD CENTER FOR NORTH KOREA MISSIONS

The World Center for North Korea Missions (NK Missions) is an evangelical Christian ministry dedicated to the evangelization of North Korea. Through a dynamic web ministry (www.nkmissions.com) and other channels of influence, NK Missions is active in spreading awareness, mobilizing and coordinating efforts for North Korea missions.

THE NK MISSIONS VISION

The vision of NK Missions is **to provide the infrastructure and leadership necessary to mobilize and coordinate efforts for North Korea missions.**

Over 20 million people in North Korea are completely isolated from the outside world and to the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, over the past several years the political-economic system of North Korea has been failing as approximately 3 million people have died from starvation and related causes. North Korea may collapse at any moment (as did the Soviet Union). However, the Christian Church is terribly unprepared for the evangelization of North Korea. First, very few Christians are aware of the dire conditions in North Korea. Second, very little knowledge sharing or training for North Korea missions is taking place. Third, no network is in place to coordinate a mass mobilization of missionaries and mission teams in the scenario of a sudden collapse. As a result, aberrant cults such as the Unification Church (see attached article) are probably more prepared and could likely have greater success in North Korea than the Christian Church.



NK Missions is working towards the **following goals:**

1. Spreading awareness

The first step in mobilizing for North Korea missions is spreading awareness of the dire need in North Korea. North Korea is perhaps the most secluded and secretive country in the world. Millions are dying without ever hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ. NK Missions is trying to get the word out and get Christians interested and praying for North Korea.

2. Building a network

NK Missions is working toward building a network of Christians interested in North Korea missions. This network will connect people with current North Korea mission news and opportunities of training and involvement. Further, from this network many other networks can be established to join those of more specific interests, such as by occupation or expertise. NK Missions is also working toward enabling each person on the network to become an active and growing participant in North Korea missions. This network will become the main infrastructure to mobilize and coordinate mission efforts in the case of a sudden collapse of North Korea.

3. Preparing for a collapse

In the event of a sudden collapse of North Korea, the Christian Church must seize the opportunity. NK Missions is working toward collecting and storing a Bible for each household in North Korea and coordinating teams that will be able to deliver them within the first 6 months that North Korea opens up. Also, NK Missions is working towards mobilizing a church planting team for every village in North Korea that will enter the country within the first 6 months it opens up. Besides these efforts, NK Missions is working on mobilizing medical, educational, social and other teams that will be ready to enter North Korea. In the case that North Korea does not suddenly collapse but rather gradually opens up, NK Missions will explore avenues of creative access missions into North Korea.



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4. Coordinating mission efforts

NK Missions is eager to work together with other missions groups and churches to coordinate mission efforts in North Korea. First, NK Missions is working on coordinating knowledge sharing by pooling expertise and experiences together at www.nkmissions.com. Second, NK Missions is working toward coordinating training efforts to get people prepared to share the gospel and impact North Korea. Third, NK Missions is working on facilitating coordination and cooperation with current and future mission efforts inside North Korea.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

THE WORLD CENTER FOR NORTH KOREA MISSIONS WEBSITE (WWW.NKMISSIONS.COM)

The NK Missions website was established in 2001 to provide the infrastructure to spread awareness, facilitate participation and mobilize for North Korea missions. Currently, nkmissions.com has the following categories of emphasis:

- Newscenter – for spreading awareness
- Training Center – for knowledge sharing and coordinating training
- Prayer Center – for facilitating prayer
- Action Center – for mobilizing and coordinating mission efforts

NK Missions is working on developing its web ministry to provide more knowledge sharing and interaction.

THE WORLD NETWORK FOR NORTH KOREA MISSIONS

NK Missions started the World Network for North Korea Missions in 2001 to provide a dynamic network to enable people to grow in their involvement in North Korea missions. Currently, regular mission news and updates are sent through the email list which has 330 people from over 20 countries (as over August 1, 2002).

The long-term goal of the World Network for North Korea Missions is to have 50,000 people on the network working toward:

- A church planting team for every village in North Korea organized and ready to enter once the doors open.
- A Bible for every household in North Korea stored and teams ready to distribute them once the doors are open.
- Medical, educational, development and other teams organized and ready to enter North Korea.



THE NORTH KOREA INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

NK Missions sent its first short-term team, the North Korea Investigative Mission Trip, in the summer of 2001. The team compiled “The North Korea Investigative Report,” a 10-part series featuring written testimonies as well as audio and video of North Korean refugees and mission workers. Each of the 10 parts examines a key issue pertinent to North Korea

evangelism, including famine, health, children, influence of Christianity, brainwashing, refugees and current outreach efforts.

The report was sent in weekly installments via email (and uploaded to nkmissions.com) to members of the World Network for North Korea Missions. NK Missions is also planning a multimedia CD version of the report as a tool to spread awareness and mobilization.

“6 MILLION BIBLES” - NORTH KOREA MISSIONS CAMPAIGN

NK Missions is coordinating a campaign to collect and store 6 million Bibles for North Korea, one for each household (the total North Korean population is 22 to 23 million, the average household is approximately 4). The collection and storage of Bibles will take place in different locations throughout the world. NK Missions will work in cooperation with churches and other missions organizations.

NK Missions is also planning to recruit, train and coordinate teams that will commit to distributing Bibles in North Korea within the first six months the country opens up. If each team can deliver 1,000 Bibles, then we will need to organize 6,000 teams.

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER MOVEMENT FOR NORTH KOREA

NK Missions is organizing a movement to stir prayer for North Korea. The International Prayer Movement for North Korea will connect representatives in local churches to resources that will help their churches pray for North Korea. Some of these resources will include bulletin inserts, prayer guides, video presentations, and other tools to mobilize and stir prayer.



NK Missions is recruiting churches that are willing to pray for North Korea once a month in their services or small groups and a representative from the church that will be a liaison to distribute prayer resources.

FULL-TIME STAFF RECRUITMENT

NK Missions is seeking the addition of two full-time staff members to carry on and expand its ministry scope. The staff members will be working on the aforementioned projects as well as working with churches and supporters.

(due to the start-up nature of this ministry, each staff member will be responsible for raising his/her financial support)

FUTURE PLANS

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

NK Missions is looking into sending short-term mission teams to the border of North Korea in NE China and also into North Korea. Two trips under consideration (date undecided) are:

1. North Korea survey trip – a trip into North Korea to survey future possibilities
2. NE China trip – a 2-week trip to live with North Korean refugees in China and document our interactions to learn how we can share the gospel more effectively to North Koreans.



NORTH KOREA MISSION TRAINING

NK Missions is planning on organizing a four-part lecture series on North Korea missions to be delivered by guest lecturers in front of a live audience as well as broadcasted and archived on the Internet. This will be an important resource for training and spreading awareness for North Korea missions.

JUCHE SERIES

NK Missions is partnering with a Christian author who has written a book on Juche (the political/economic/religious/everything system of North Korea). He is writing a series of 12 articles that will be distributed via email to the members of the World Network for North Korea Missions and posted on www.nkmissions.com.

LOCAL PRAYER MEETINGS



As the World Network for North Korea Missions grows, we would like to organize local prayer meetings that will gather Christians in the same vicinity to pray for North Korea. We're hoping that this will stir more interaction, interest and involvement.

CHURCH PLANTING TEAMS

NK Missions is planning on mobilizing and training church planting teams that will be ready to enter North Korea when it opens up. NK Missions would like to see a church planting team for every village in North Korea. These teams must be ready and prepared to enter North Korea in the event of a sudden collapse.

The Unification Church and the Evangelization of North Korea: A Wake-up Call to the Christian Church

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What would happen if North Korea collapsed tonight? Would the Christian Church be ready to take advantage of the opportunity? Or would cults jump at the opportunity while the Church lags behind. In this article I examine the plans and preparation of one cult, the Unification Church, in regards to North Korea. In many ways they seem more poised and ready to spread their cult into North Korea than the Christian Church is ready to spread the true gospel of Jesus Christ. May this be a wake-up call to all those with ears to hear.

What is the Unification Church?

The Unification Church is an aberrant cult that was founded in 1954 by Rev. Sun-Myung Moon. Moon claims to be the messiah of the Second Coming and his wife is the Holy Spirit. He and his wife, called The True Parents where he is the True Father and his wife the True Mother, are the first couple to be able to bring forth children with no original sin. (for more info on their beliefs see <http://www.carm.org/list/moonies.htm> and <http://www.gospelcom.net/apologeticsindex/u05.html>) Moon is also head of a huge empire of countless front organizations and thousands of businesses (most notably the Washington Times) worth billions of dollars (see list at http://www.rickcross.com/reference/unif/Unif12.html#us_businesses).

The Unification Church's Involvement in North Korea



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The cult leader, Rev. Moon, was born in North Korea and thus has great interest in seeing his homeland “evangelized” under the Unification Church. Rev. Moon has been actively pursuing inroads into North Korea since 1991 as described by the L.A. Times, “The unlikely relationship between the Unification Church and North Korea dates back to 1991, when Moon visited North Korea's founder and chief ideologue, Kim Il Sung. That paved the way for Moon, an archconservative who nonetheless supports dialogue with the North, to buy two hotels in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, including the 161-room Potonggang, which boasts of being the only hotel in the isolated country with satellite television. The North Koreans also allowed Moon's followers to develop Jongju, the northwestern town where Moon was born, into a pilgrimage site -- another coup for the Unification Church because the communist nation bans all practice of religion.” (<http://detnews.com/2002/autosinsider/0204/02/autos-451998.htm>)

In recent years, the Unification Church has been negotiating a historical joint venture auto assembly plant to be built in Nampo, North Korea. Few people thought that such a huge undertaking could be possible, but in April 2002, Pyonghwa Motors, an automaker owned by the Unification Church, completed the \$55 million auto assembly plant. They are aiming to produce 10,000 Fiat cars annually with plans of expanding production to 100,000 cars annually. (http://www.korea-np.co.jp/pk/179th_issue/2002041302.htm) The Unification Church plans to invest up to \$300 million into the project.

Rev. Moon is also very active in the United Nations and may have close involvement with the U.N.'s activities in North Korea. (<http://www.tparents.org/UNews/unws9605/scwp.htm>)

A Scary Thought: The Unification Church's Plans in North Korea

In addition to the car assembly plant, Pyonghwa wants to open a department store, gas stations, automobile showrooms and what the company described as a "World Peace Center" in Pyongyang to promote cultural and educational exchanges.

Rev. Moon is getting old. He turned 80 a couple years ago (Kim Jong Il sent him some rare ginseng as a birthday gift). What wouldn't Rev. Moon want more before he dies than to see North Korea "evangelized" under his cult? Rev. Moon has access to billions of dollars and also millions of followers who are dedicated to him. The Unification Church claims to have 4.5 million "full-time" followers. I tend to believe them. In February 2000, 450,000 couples were married on Sunday in a mass ceremony connected by the Internet and satellite and officiated by Unification Church leader Rev. Sun Myung Moon (<http://www.rickcross.com/reference/unif/Unif61.html>). The Unification Church seems to be strategic and active in their approach to North Korea. It is obvious that they are well-prepared in the event that North Korea suddenly opens up. Here is a possible scenario that scares me just thinking about it:

North Korea suddenly collapses tonight. Kim Jong Il announces that Juche (North Korea's state religious/political/everything system) is a failure and asks South Korea and the international community for help. It's doors open but the harsh conditions in North Korea, such as poor water, infrastructure, heating, etc., prevent many from even thinking of visiting. The Christian Church is taken aback and takes months to organize and to agree on what needs to be done. In the meantime, Rev. Moon gathers a billion dollars by liquidating some investments and



calls 100,000 of his most dedicated followers to join him in a holy pilgrimage to North Korea for a few months. Rev. Moon and his 100,000 most dedicated followers enter North Korea within the first month that it opens up and their strategy is simple: hand out literature and set up a Unification Church in every village in North Korea. Within a few months every single person in North Korea has received a Bible (Unification cult version) and cult tracts from the Unification Church members. Thousands, if not millions, of North Koreans are led astray. Rev. Moon sets up a main temple in Pyongyang by spending \$400 million. It's a huge facility and it's completed in 6 months. North Koreans first exposure to the Bible, God and Jesus is from the cult group, the Unification Church. Evangelical Christian missionaries begin to trickle in within the first few months that North Korea has opened up. However, they are disorganized and lack the

resources to compete with the Unification Church. It takes 12 to 18 months for the Christian Church at large to get organized and agree on a strategy to reach North Korea. By then, it's too late...

Wake-Up Call to the Christian Church

While reading this some of you might be thinking that it is hardly likely that the Unification Church can organize and deploy so efficiently. Maybe some are even questioning the resources available to the Unification Church. First, we should not underestimate the dictator-style leadership methods of cults like the Unification Church. Oftentimes, their followers are brainwashed and will do anything their leader asks. Imagine, 450,000 couples were married at a single ceremony and many of them never met each other before. They do it because their cult leader tells them to. If they can get married like that, who says they can't go to North Korea like that? Also, we aren't just dealing with the Unification Church. There are countless of others cults that are interested and active in trying to reach North Korea. When you combine all their efforts, resources and personnel... it can be daunting.

However, the real wake-up call comes when we ask how prepared is the Christian Church at large for a sudden collapse or opening of North Korea. Do we have 100,000 people dedicated to enter North Korea within the first few months that it opens up? Do we even have 1,000 willing? How about 100? How many do we have that are trained in sharing the gospel with North Koreans or equipped to plant a church in North Korea? Do we have financial resources set aside for North Korea missions? If Rev. Moon can release a billion dollars in a few months (hypothetically) how long will it take the Christian Church to do the same? Years... decades?

If North Korea collapses tonight, who's to say that the majority of North Koreans' first exposure to God will not be through the Unification Church?

If the Christian Church is serious, it must act now.