



Prayer for North Korea & South Korea (29th May ~ 4th Jun.)

	North Korea	South Korea
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area: 122,370 sq km • Population: 23,990,703 • Annual Growth: 0.39% • Capital: Pyongyang • Urbanites: 63.4% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area: 99,067 sq km • Population: 48,500,717 • Annual Growth: 0.39% • Capital: Seoul • Urbanites: 81.9%
Peoples/ Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples: 7 (57% unreached) • Official language: Korean • Languages: 1 • Christians: 355,762 (1.48%) • Evangelicals: 246,400 (1.0%) • Non-religious: 16,625,557 (69.30%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples: 364 (16% unreached) • Official language: Korean • Languages: 4 • Christians: 15,010,972 (30.95%) • Evangelicals: 8,164,977 (16.8%) • Non-religious: 15,025,522 (30.98%)
Prayer	<p>Access to ministry in North Korea is greater than commonly perceived. Foreign NGOs, both Korean and Western, are on site through aid and development projects. Strict limitations on ministry are in place, but the very presence of believers and the testimony of loving generosity can make a difference in many lives. There are possibly hundreds of Christians in North Korea in this capacity.</p> <p>Present ministry opportunities:</p> <p>a) Radio. Many South Korean Christian broadcasts as well as TWR and FEBC reach far into North Korea, but most radios are pre-tuned to government stations. Smuggled radios pre-tuned to gospel frequencies and Chinese tuneable radios are making their way into the country.</p> <p>b) Bibles, the Gospels and tracts are smuggled into the country by various means as well as floated in via balloons from South Korea. Smugglers are liable to be executed if caught, but the rarity of Scriptures makes them extremely precious to believers. A North Korean dialect version of the Bible is being prepared.</p> <p>c) Korean Christians from China and elsewhere who are able to visit and gain opportunities to witness. Korea is open to Chinese businessmen, and their easy access to the country could be strategic for the gospel.</p> <p>d) Prayer networks for North Korea have multiplied in recent years, too many to list, and most have an Internet presence. Many thousands of believers are forming an unbroken chain of intercession for this nation.</p>	<p>Korean Christianity is one of superlatives. Six of the ten largest churches in the world are in Korea as are some of the world's largest theological colleges, baptismal services and evangelistic and Christian gatherings in history. Praise God, not for the size of these events, but for the growth and strength that they reflect.</p> <p>Theological training in Korea is unique; the nation enjoys an amazingly high number and ratio of workers with pastoral training and theological education. There may be 300 theological institutions in Korea. In addition to the 15,000 or more students in the top Presbyterian seminaries, there are, throughout the English-speaking world, thousands more Koreans studying for Christian ministry. For many who graduate, there are few openings in city congregations – yet the poorer rural congregations and mission agencies have many opportunities to serve. Pray that a new generation of trained Christian workers would seize these humble opportunities with joy and fervour.</p>