

Prayer Points for the Chosun People

September-October 2007

1. Republic of Korea (ROK) President Roh and Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) Leader Kim Jong-Il's summit meetings were postponed to Oct 2-4, from Aug 28-30. The DPRK asked for this because of severe flooding in the North (KT, Aug 18). Pray that the flood victims be helped in practical ways and that the summit meetings will promote peace on the peninsula.
2. "... He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured" (Col 4:12b). Pray that the disciples in the North will stand firm in the will of God, be fully assured of His presence and power, and grow in maturity in Him.
3. DPRK students do a lot of volunteer work in the countryside, with rice planting and harvest (see article). Pray that as they see the miracle of sprouting and growth, they will wonder who the Master Designer is and seek Him.
4. Pray that Christian students who do this manual work with their peers will do it well, with pride and as unto the Lord, and pray that this will attract other students to them and their God.
5. Many health problems that N Koreans deal with come from the large amounts of manual work they do. Pray for their physical safety and health.
6. Radio broadcasting in the North is unique in its programming. The DPRK Central Broadcasting Station follows the same program every hour: the news, political songs and marches, followed by a talk about Juche, ROK life or (DPRK) internal happenings (Lankov, 50). Pray that people there will be reached through various means.
7. The DPRK provides free medical care to its people, but medical facilities and equipment are often lacking. Pray for adequate medicines, diagnostic equipment, and treatment facilities.
8. Living conditions require that local people walk as the mode of transportation. Many people walk long distances to the local market. Pray that an infrastructure and transportation system that serves the local people will be more developed.
9. "I urge, then ... that ... prayers ... be made for ... kings and all those in authority ..." (1 Tim 2:1-2). Sep 9 is Foundation Day in the North, celebrating the beginning of the DPRK government in 1948. God has allowed this government for now. Pray that the government would become a government that pleases God.
10. Oct 10 is Korean Workers Party Foundation Day, commemorating the founding of the Communist Workers Party in the North. Pray that the workers, especially the Christian workers, will do their best for their employers (cf Col 3:22-24) and that the party leaders will treat the workers as they themselves would like to be treated (cf Col 4:1).
11. An energy survey done in the rural village of Unhari revealed that 100 % of the respondents owned television sets while only 16 % had a refrigerator and none had an electrical water pump ([DPRK Briefing Book](#)). Pray that the gospel will reach these people through their televisions and that their basic needs will be provided for.
12. Every citizen of the DPRK always carries a 'citizen's certificate.' Similar to a driver's license, it has a picture of Mt Paektu, (the alleged birthplace of Kim Jong-Il) and personal information about the card holder: birthplace, place of residence, marriage status, etc. (Lankov, 179). Pray that those residing in the DPRK will learn about making their citizenship in heaven.
13. Continue to pray for the poor. As donations come in and foreign investment increases, the living situation is slowly improving. However, the goods are not always equally distributed. Pray for the direst of needs to be met.

14. Let's give thanks that trade between the DPRK and the ROK hit a record high of \$720 million in the first half of 2007, a nearly 30% increase from 2006 (Korea International Trade Association, in Korea Herald, Aug 9). Pray that the second inter-Korea summit will further encourage trade between the two Koreas.

15. Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical company, plans to invest much in research and development in the ROK. Pfizer's CEO also made a visit to the DPRK in June to explore opportunities there ([Lab Technologist](#); KT Jun 12). Pray that the DPRK becomes the kind of country that international companies want to invest in.

16. "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained" (2 Tim 2:8-9). Praise God that His Word is not chained and pray that it may be proclaimed throughout the DPRK.

17. Currently, foreigners are able to enter and invest in specific cities or regions in the North. Many areas, though, have yet to benefit from foreign investment. Pray that other cities and regions will be open to allow foreign professionals and investors to enter and interact with local people.

18. Many new opportunities have arisen for professionals to enter North Chosun. Pray for the continual opening of the country and for Christian professionals to serve amongst the local people.

19. As professionals enter the DPRK, they are escorted by local officials. Pray for the relationships with these officials, and that their hearts will be open and receptive to the message of the gospel.

20. Kim, Yun-Kyu, a former Hyundai Asan executive in the ROK, set up his own company in 2006 and hopes to import caviar and sand from the DPRK to the ROK (KT, Jul 3). Pray that the DPRK will do more business with the ROK and that Christian businessmen from the

South will carry the aroma of Christ into the North.

21. At the Kaesong Industrial Complex, in the DPRK but very near the border with the ROK, 22 ROK companies employ DPRK workers. This provides inexpensive labor for the companies and jobs for the N Koreans. One company provides meals, recreation rooms and a Christian chapel for its workers (KT, Jul 3). Pray that God will use Christian businessmen involved at Kaesong to show these workers the reality and character of our sovereign God.

22. Tourism to the industrial trade zone and historical city of Kaesong is expected to open up in September. There are currently around 16,000 DPRK citizens employed in Kaesong (KT, Jul 15; The Unification Ministry: www.unikorea.go.kr/en). Pray that the citizens working in Kaesong will be exposed to the gospel.

23. "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim 3:12). Even Jesus suffered when He obeyed God the Father. Pray that believers in the North will live godly lives in Christ and persevere for the Lord.

24. Give thanks for the fulfillment of promised oil aid from the ROK to the DPRK this summer, as the first stage of a landmark nuclear disarmament deal (KT, Jul 29). Pray that promises between the North and South will continue to come to fruition and that trust between the two Koreas will grow.

25. Let's give thanks for progress toward peace on the Korean peninsula with the shutdown of the Yongbyon nuclear reactor on July 12 (KT, Jul 29). Continue to pray that this event, together with the June 15 North - South Joint Declaration, will bring cooperation and inter-Korean relations to a higher level.

26. An ROK humanitarian group has been allowed to take anthracite (hard coal; 'mu-yontan') up to the DPRK. 50,000 pieces were taken up last summer (KT, Jul 3). This coal is commonly used for heating in the North and was previously used for heating in the South. Pray

that more people from the South will be able to help their brothers and sisters in the North and that God would provide the basic needs of the DPRK people.

27. The author of “Well Talk” said that so many stars can be seen at night in the skies in the North (see article). Pray that N Koreans who see that amazing, wide sky with all its stars, would wonder about and seek the Creator.

28. The author of “Well Talk” also explained the Korean proverb about a frog in a well (see article). Pray that men and women, boys and girls and grandpas and grandmas in the North, would look out and be curious about what lies beyond the world they see, and that Creator God would give them more information about the vast world they are a part of.

29. The author of “Well Talk” also dreamed of water filling the well and overflowing it so that the frog could come out (see article). Pray that the Lord would send His living water to that country and fill the wells so that people can come out and see the world, including the power and love of God and of His church.

30. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16-17). Pray that the church in the North will have access to the Scriptures, learn from them what is God’s will and live according to that will, and do every kind of good work.

31. Some Christian groups are working on a Korean Bible adapted to the language used in the DPRK. Hallelujah. Pray that the Old Testament will be completed by the end of the year and that this book will be distributed to many in the North.