



Christian Friends of Korea

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“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”
2 Corinthians 4:7

CFK's Work Continues in North Korea

Despite ever-present difficulties of many kinds, we are grateful that our Lord's work through Christian Friends of Korea continues to move forward. This month marks the start of our 8th year, and since the beginning, the Lord has been faithful to use 'jars of clay' to shine the light of His hope and bring healing in His name to many suffering from hardship and deprivation in North Korea. Your prayers and support continue to encourage and enable our efforts, and we are grateful to God for your faithfulness in partnership with us.

Not only are we are grateful for your faithfulness, but also for the assistance of many partners in this work, among them MAP International, Christian Aid Ministries, University Bible Fellowship, International Aid and others who bring their unique strengths and commitment to the job of helping those in North Korea in Christ's name.

After long static months of strained relations between our countries, it appears that there may finally be small diplomatic movement in a hopeful direction. Many thorny and difficult issues remain, but we continue to pray for breakthroughs that are lasting and positive. The hardships in North Korea continue, with the first spring harvest still months away and food stocks from last Fall already running out. Emergencies in other parts of the world such as Afghanistan have drained limited international resources away from North Korea, and major inputs to the food pipeline have been uncertain and behind schedule. North Korea remains heavily reliant upon outside aid, and any disruption in food supplies will likely result in grave consequences to those most vulnerable.



TB Doctor Discussing Vitamins Received from CFK

Nevertheless, there is hope on other fronts. North Korea's tuberculosis treatment system has developed to the point of being recently accepted into the Global TB Drug Facility, allowing most of the areas we support to receive the life-saving DOTS medicines at no cost. We welcome this development, but will continue to monitor ongoing needs within these TB facilities so as to maximize the use of our limited resources.

Over the winter, we shipped two containers of medicine, food, medical supplies, and other goods worth over \$1.1 million dollars. Both containers have arrived, and we expect to visit North Korea within the next few weeks to confirm delivery of these Shipments. We also intend to complete installation of a donated x-ray unit and other medical equipment sent previously. Two additional shipments in process and we expect to proceed with more after visiting and determining the greatest current needs.

Reflecting on the over \$11 Million dollars worth of goods sent in Christ's name since our beginning and the hope and healing those gifts have brought to so many in North Korea, we stand in humble awe of His ability to use even broken jars of clay to accomplish His eternal purposes. The need for food, medical assistance and many other basics is still very great. As we respond to these great needs, sharing God's love and trusting Him for a harvest that we cannot yet see, we ask for your continued partnership in this effort through your prayers and support.

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
2 Corinthians 4:18



20' Container Ready for Shipment to North Korea

Alternative Gifts Catalog

We are delighted to be featured again as a project in the Alternative Gifts International Catalog for the 2002-2003 year. The global mission of Alternative Gifts International is to send authentic, life-giving gifts to a needy world.

AGI raises funds each year both through its website found at www.altgifts.org and through Alternative Gift Markets held nationwide. Designated grants are then sent to reputable non-profit agencies for established international projects for relief and development.

CFK is privileged to be included for the second time in AGI's catalog. Our AGI project focus this year will be to improve treatment and health of tuberculosis patients in North and South Hwanghae and Kaesong by providing nutritional supplements, vitamins, and general medicines to those suffering from this deadly, but curable disease.

Stones of Remembrance

Rev. Robert Grierson, M.D.



Rev. Dr. Robert Grierson arrived in Korea in 1898 with his wife, prepared to serve the Lord in that land as a doctor as well as a preacher. He was one of the pioneer missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church and helped to establish their work in the northeast area of Korea.

Dr. Grierson learned to speak Korean fluently. A skilled physician and surgeon, he built the hospital in Sungjin where countless patients not only received skilled medical care but also heard the Gospel message. In addition, he itinerated all through the countryside, preaching and ministering to those with physical needs. He was also interested in the education of young Koreans and helped to establish a number of schools.

Passionate in his desire to share the Good News with everyone he met, Dr. Grierson rarely missed an opportunity to tell others of this Gospel. For 36 years he faithfully served his Lord in Wonsan and Sungjin, and finally retired in 1934.

Contributed by Virginia Somerville

Learn About CFK's Work

CFK welcomes the opportunity to share about recent visits to North Korea and our ongoing work there in churches and for interested organizations. Both Korean and English speakers are available. Korean language translations of our publications are also available.

Please contact our office for further information.



Making Tofu from CFK-provided soybeans

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