

North Korea

- ◆ The capital city of North Korea is Pyongyang (pronounced (pyŏng'yang').
- ◆ North Korea is on the continent of Asia and is bordered by the countries of China and Russia.
- ◆ The official language of North Korea is Korean.
- ◆ North Korea is the worst country in the world for the persecution of Christians (2010).
- ◆ The North Korean government does not like any religion, and the leader has set up statues of his father that he wants the people to bow down to.
- ◆ North Korea is a very poor nation and many people starve to death every year.
- ◆ Many North Koreans try to escape into China to find a better life, but are often captured and killed, or returned to North Korea to be sent to prison camps.
- ◆ Kimchi is one of North Korea's favorite dishes. It is a spicy cabbage.
- ◆ There are many different fruits grown in North Korea including apples, peaches, pears, tangerines, and cherries.
- ◆ School is very important in North Korea and nearly everyone can read and write.



Story: An Unlikely Friendship

Pastor Min-Ho taught his family enthusiastically but quietly out of the book of Acts. Everyone hung on his every word as they imagined a sound like the blowing of a violent wind that came and filled the whole house where the disciples were on the day of Pentecost.

Suddenly, loud banging on the door caused everyone to nearly jump out of their skin! Pastor Min-Ho quickly hid his Bible in its place, a hole in the wall covered by a picture. He then opened the door to the village director who began yelling at him.

“What were you doing? Why didn’t you open the door quickly?” The director, along with two men that were with him, began to search the house.

Pastor Min-Ho and the rest of the family prayed silently, asking for God’s protection. In North Korea, if a Bible is discovered in your home, you could go to jail for a long time or even experience something worse than jail.

One of the men discovered the Bible hidden in the wall and slipped it into his pocket. But then something amazing happened. Instead of arresting them, he declared, “There is nothing suspicious here. Let’s move on to the next house.”



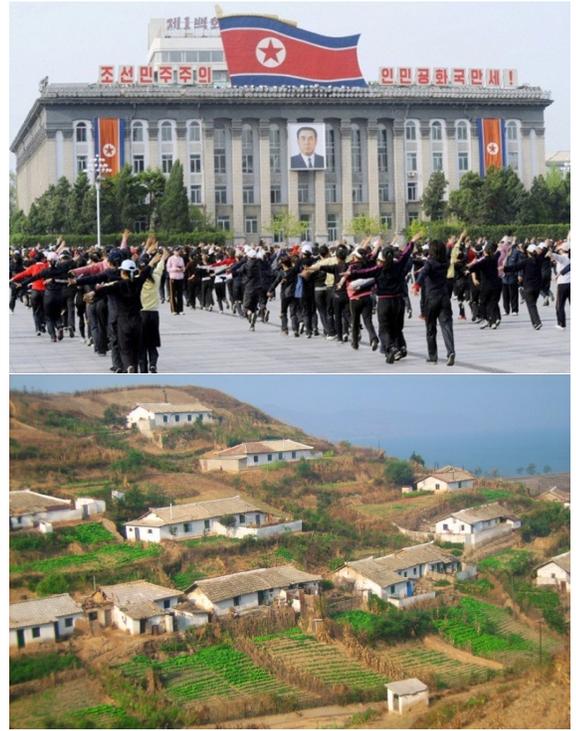
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Pastor Min-Ho didn't understand what had happened. His heart pounded in his chest as he walked the officials to the door. Afraid that he would be reported and the officials would show up at his house again tomorrow, it promised to be a long night.

The next day the man who took Pastor Min-Ho's Bible did return, alone. He told Pastor Min-Ho that he too was a believer, but because of the persecution in North Korea, he kept his faith to himself. He was so happy that God had led him to another believer!

He returned Pastor Min-Ho's Bible to him and together they prayed, asking for God's protection over all the believers in North Korea.

Followers of Jesus Christ are at great risk in North Korea, the world's worst country for the persecution of Christians. Christianity is strictly forbidden and missionaries and Bibles are not allowed into the country. Christians who are discovered are jailed in prison camps or killed.



Recipe: Kimchi

Mix 5 cups of cabbage (cut into bite size pieces) with 5 teaspoons of salt. Let stand for three hours.

Rinse thoroughly and squeeze out excess water.

Mix: 1 teaspoon of sugar
1 teaspoon of crushed red pepper
1 teaspoon of finely chopped ginger root
1 clove finely chopped, peeled, garlic
2 finely chopped green onions

Place in a glass bowl and cover tightly with plastic wrap.

Let it stand at room temperature for 2 days.

Activity: Sam Pal Sun

Sam Pal Sun is the name of the border between North and South Korea. The game is played with five or more players on each team. One team has a flag, placed on the ground behind the defending team, which they need to keep the other team from reaching. Each defending team member has a "territory" they must defend and can't move away from. The offensive team tries to get through the defending line without getting tagged. If tagged, that player must freeze until unfrozen by a team mate. If all offensive players are tagged, the game ends and restarts until they capture the flag. The flag then becomes theirs and they must defend it from the opposite team. This takes team work, strategy, speed and agility!



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