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The Three Seas Center is a facility for education, training and preparing for the opening of North Korea. It will be the home of the Jesus Abbey Global School, the Fourth River Project and the Three Seas Youth Training Center.

The location of the Three Seas Center is both symbolic and strategic:



Symbolic

- The Three Seas Center is located on a tract of land in the Taebaek Mountains of Kangwon Do, near South Korea's east coast. Here, Korea's three watersheds converge. It is the source for three major river systems that flow to the three seas surrounding the peninsula. It is the "source" as Christ is our source from which wells up the River of Life.
- It is on the Paektu Trail running the length of the Korean peninsula, symbolizing both the River of Life flowing to North Korea and the call to God's people to go north with the Gospel. This is the Fourth River.

Strategic

- The Three Seas Center is located on land that Jesus Abbey has been leasing from the Korean Ministry of Forests for over thirty years as a livestock ranch. The relationship to Jesus Abbey (located about 10 miles or 15 kilometers away) is important for several reasons.
 - **The Jesus Abbey community will provide staff and program components.**
 - **Jesus Abbey is dedicated to:**
 - Intercessory prayer
 - Communal life – sharing with and learning to submit to one another in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - The value of labor – important for building Godly character and providing a foundation from which to relate to those in North Korea, the "workers" society.
- The location provides mountain vistas and a natural environment to stretch a person's vision and excite them about new possibilities.
- The Three Seas Ranch provides economic support, work experience, and skills that will be valuable for the development of North Korea.

● **Jesus Abbey Global School** – Education for a dawning age.



The Jesus Abbey Global School plans to open in 2009 as a middle and high school to educate young people for service and leadership within the nation and abroad as we look towards a united Korea. Students graduating from here will have received a broad-based education built on a Biblical world view with a strong foundation in Christian character. There will be a particular emphasis on global citizenship with a very strong foreign language program (primarily English), education in cultural understanding and both national and international affairs. This focus will prepare students for entrance into the best of national and international colleges and universities. The school intends to provide the International Baccalaureate degree for those who desire it (www.ibo.org).

● **The Fourth River Project** – Preparing for the opening of North Korea



For sixty years of separation, North and South Korea have had opposing ideologies. The cultural, social and language gap between the two parts of this nation have grown to form major barriers to mutual understanding.

The mission of The Fourth River Project is to prepare for the opening of North Korea by equipping servant workers in all walks of life for the rebuilding of the nation and the proclamation of the Gospel. To this end, we encourage research into North Korea and seek to share the results of research and experience through knowledge exchange, education and training.

● **The Three Seas Youth Training** – Building character, bodies and minds



The Three Seas Youth Training Center provides a comprehensive program for the physical, mental and social development of young people that emphasizes character development while preparing young people for national unification. Programs can be tailored to the specific needs of different groups of middle and high school students.

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Facilities

The Three Seas Center will be built on a 60,000 pyong (roughly 20 hectares or 50 acres) portion of the Three Seas Ranch which totals 150,000 pyong (50 hectares, 120 acres).

The facilities will consist of the following four separate sets of buildings:



Map showing location of Three Seas facilities.

- **Sunrise Village** complex - 8,743m² (approx. 29,000 pyong, 94,000 ft²).

This will be the primary educational and administrative facility housing lecture halls, offices, library, kitchen and dining facilities, media and computer networking facilities, dormitories for students and workshops.



- **Community Village** complex - 4,955m² (approx. 16,000pyong, 53,000 ft²).

The Community Village will provide housing for the faculty and staff of the center as well as visiting lecturers and researchers.



- **Rainbow Pasture** complex - 6,359m² (approx. 21,000pyong, 68,500sq. ft²).

This will be the primary site for the Jesus Abbey Global School. It will include class rooms, laboratories, kitchen and dining facilities as well as dormitories.

- The **Bungalows** - 2,324m² (approx. 7,700pyong, 25,000sq. ft²).

This is a set of nine small residences for visitors, students, staff or faculty as needed.

The estimated cost for the whole project is 2 billion (200 *ok won*) or about \$21 million U.S. Four major work phases are planned, one year each as follows:

Phase One: Beginning Spring 2007. This phase will include two apartment buildings and the common building in the Community Village.

Phase Two: Beginning Spring 2008. This phase will see the completion of the Community Village and the beginning of the main training facility, Sunrise Village.

Phase Three: Beginning Spring 2009. This phase will continue construction on the Sunrise Village and the beginning of both the Rainbow Pasture complex and the Bungalows.

Phase Four: Beginning Spring 2010. This final phase will see the completion of all remaining work.

In order to begin construction in the spring of 2007 as required by the project permit issued by the City of Taebaek, we need 20 *ok won* (about \$2.1 million) immediately.

Contributions to the construction of the Three Seas Center may be submitted to the Kookmin Bank account no. 308-01-0329-028 or the Agricultural Cooperative Bank account no. 271-01-484970. International funds transfers may be made to the Korea Exchange Bank account no. 220-22-014505-0.

In addition, U.S. tax-deductible contributions may be made using PayPal or a credit card by going to www.thefourthriver.org and using the Make a Donation button or by direct electronic transfer (contact Ben Torrey, bentorrey@thefourthriver.org for details). Be sure to indicate what the funds are for. Undesignated contributions will go to the operational budget of the Fourth River Project, Inc.