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## THE FOURTH RIVER PROJECT REPORT--February, 2004

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*Preparing for the opening of North Korea*

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Dear Friends,

### Coming Events

Several things are coming up in the near future for which I ask your prayers. You may also be interested in participating if they are in your area.

### Korea in March

I will be in Korea from March 5 through 22. This trip is to review progress towards gaining permits to allow us to purchase the land for the Three Seas Training Center and to work on plans for the capital campaign that will be launched once we have title to the land. We will also be launching our Working Committee which will have responsibility for guiding and supporting the development of the Center. We are close to completing all the work required for the permits. Please join us in prayer that the work will be done well, the permits issued and the funding for this process be provided. If anyone is interested in meeting with me while I am in Korea or having me visit your church please contact Brother John Choi at Jesus Abbey, 033-552-7824, [jasamsu@kornet.net](mailto:jasamsu@kornet.net).

### Central Connecticut Prayer Rally for North Korea

In conjunction with Korean and non-Korean churches in the Greater Hartford Area of Connecticut, we are planning a prayer rally for North Korea. The date is **Saturday, April 17**. Put it on your calendar! We are in the process of finalizing the location and time. I am putting together a team to work on planning and publicizing this event. God has been impressing many people with the importance of praying for North Korea. We hope that this event will generate ongoing efforts in various churches to intercede on behalf of North Korea. If you are interested in helping with planning or publicity, please respond to this email and let me know. Be sure to give me your phone number.

I recently had the opportunity to speak about the imperative to pray for North Korea and its capital, Pyongyang, once known as the "Jerusalem of the East" (*...give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth*. Isaiah 62:7) at the First Korean Presbyterian Church in Manchester, CT. The response was very encouraging. Truly, the Lord is moving on many hearts to pray for this land. If you would like specific suggestions as to how to pray, see our website, [www.thefourthriver.org](http://www.thefourthriver.org). If you would like a two page prayer guide, let me know by responding to this email and I will be glad to send you one.

Pray for the plans to go forward smoothly, for a good response and for God to use this for the sake of His Kingdom and for North Korea.

### "No Limits" April 23 & 24, 2004

OMF International and NK Missions are collaborating to present "No Limits" New Frontiers in East Asia in Fullerton, CA. This conference begins with a prayer rally for North Korea on Friday the 23rd from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening. On Saturday, Dr. David Harley, OMF General Director will speak. There will be a number of workshops on missions in North Korea and elsewhere. For more information and registration information, go to <http://www.us.omf.org/southwest>.

I will be attending the conference and spending some time in the Los Angeles area before and after the event meeting with a number of people concerning the Fourth

River Project. If you are interested in contacting me while I am there or having me speak at your church or prayer group, let me know by responding to this email.

Please pray for the conference and for my trip.

## **People Needed**

### **Intercessors**

We need your prayers! You've already read about the call to pray for North Korea. I also desire your prayers for the Fourth River Project and the Three Seas Center as well as the other organizations with which we are working such as NK Missions, etc. This is a call for individuals to commit to being intercessors for this work. Consider whether or not the Lord is calling you to a special ministry of intercession on behalf of North Korea and the work of preparing for the day it will be open. If you feel called to this, let me know and I will enroll you in the ***Fourth River Intercessors***. You will be committing to pray daily for North Korea as well as to take up any special concerns coming from this ministry.

### **Prayer Coordinator**

We are looking for an individual who will be willing to serve as coordinator for the Fourth River Intercessors and pass along prayer concerns. This person should be able to spend some time on a weekly basis reviewing current events in North Korea so as to keep our information for prayer current. I will be able to give some guidance as to how to do this. Let me know by responding to this email if you would like to take on this responsibility.

### **Bi-lingual Executive Assistant**

I need a part-time volunteer executive assistant who is proficient in both English and Korean, reading, writing and speaking. While it would be good to have someone nearby with whom I can meet and pray regularly, this is not mandatory. As long as we have good distance communication via email and telephone, such a person would be a great help to me. Let me know if your interested.

### **Spare Miles?**

A great way for people to contribute to this work is by helping with airline travel both in the US and overseas. You can do this by allowing us to use your accumulated airline frequent flyer miles to get tickets. Unfortunately, you can't get a tax deduction for making such a gift. If you have excess miles and are interested in making them available to us, let me know. They will be greatly appreciated!

### **[www.thefourthriver.org](http://www.thefourthriver.org)**

Keep checking the web site from time to time for new postings to the library and other information such as a book I just finished reading; Juche: A Christian Study of North Korea's State Religion, by Thomas J. Belke, Living Sacrifice Book Company 1999. I have always considered the Juche ideology of North Korea to be a state religion. Mr. Belke has documented this fact--it is far more blatant than I had realized! This book is very important to anyone who wants a better understanding of North Korea.

Thank you, all, for your ongoing prayers and support for the Fourth River Project and the preparation for the opening of North Korea. Do keep praying. I'll be sending out another letter after my trip to Korea.

Yours, in Him,  
Ben Torrey

