



North Korea



Introduction to NORTH KOREA

THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, one of the least open countries in the world, is located on the top half of the Korean peninsula jutting off of China's northeastern edge. Extremely isolated from all outside influence, Korean life is heavily regulated by the Communist government. Federal spending focuses on huge nuclear and military programs. Food shortages mean most citizens are fed by means of international aid.

The KOREAN people

Total population:	22,665,345
Children under 15:	4,816,996
Average Life Expectancy:	63.81 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,800
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	N/A*
Cell phones in use:	N/A*

Major/official language(s): Korean

Risk issues impacting children:

- Unsanitary water and conditions cause diarrheal diseases.
- There are low standards of education.
- Maternal mortality and disease is high.

More about NORTH KOREA

Capital city:	Pyongyang
Type of government:	Communist State; one-man Dictatorship
Square kilometers:	120,538
General terrain:	Mostly hills and mountains separated by deep, narrow valleys; coastal plains wide in the west, narrow in the east
Major industries/jobs:	Military production, agriculture, machine building
National motto:	"Prosperous and great country"
Major airport(s):	Pyongyang

Reaching NORTH KOREA

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

- Atheism
- Buddhist
- Confucionist
- Christian
- Syncretic Chondogyo

Christian groups:

- Independent - 86.4%
- Roman Catholic - 10.1%
- Protestant - 3.6%

Unreached People Groups:	4 (100% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.034
Average annual baptisms:	5,889
Foreign missionaries:	20
Per million:	0.85
National Christian workers/pastors:	150
Per million:	6.35
Number of churches/congregations:	N/A*

Children's ministry in NORTH KOREA

Overview: • Christianity, along with children's ministry, is suppressed in North Korea. Where religion is ostensibly supported, it is rumored to be for propaganda purposes only.

- A very small Christian minority exists.
- In addition to a great need for religious freedom and access to the rest of the world, North Koreans face tremendous social problems that affect the possibility of quality children's ministry.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
5,003 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
4,816,996 children for Christ