North Korea

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Praise God for the ministries who broadcast Christian messages of hope and encouragement into North Korea. Pray that many will tune in (The Bible, <u>1 Peter 1:3</u>).

Prayer Requests

Pray that God will break the power of the Kim regime in this nation, and set this nation free from the incredible bondage it is in (The Bible, <u>2 Samuel 22:49</u>).

Pray for the tens of thousands of North Korean Christians who are serving sentences in prisons and labor camps said to be among the world's most horrendous conditions (The Bible, <u>Proverbs 30:5</u>).

Call to Salvation

We know that Jesus is the only hope. Pray that many will hear about Jesus as their only hope and be saved (The Bible, <u>Psalm 33:22</u>).

Sources:

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North Korea: Residents tell BBC of neighbors starving to death (BBC)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

North Korea is a one-party state led by a dynastic totalitarian dictatorship, one of the most repressive nations on earth, led by supreme leader Kim, Jong-Un. Almost entirely shut off from the rest of the world, North Koreans experience brainwashing and total control at the hands of the authorities. Hundreds of thousands of prisoners are held in concentration camps and experts estimate up to 70,000 of them are Christian Believers. Christians face death if found meeting together, even saying the name "Jesus" or possessing a Bible, while family members of people found to be Christians are punished severely. Believers remain underground but may number as many as 100,000. North Korea entirely shut its borders

during the years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Intelligence indicates this border closure and terrible drought have resulted in the worst food shortages since the 1990s. People are starving to death but offers of international assistance have been turned down.

CHIEF OF STATE Kim Jong-un HEAD OF GOV. Premier Pak Pong-ju POPULATION 24,983,000 CHRISTIANS 1.5% EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS 1% DOMINANT RELIGION Non-Religious PERSECUTION RANKING 1 REFUGEES Unknown LIFE EXPECTANCY 70.11 yrs LITERACY RATE 99% POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE Unknown