



Faith, Hope and Community

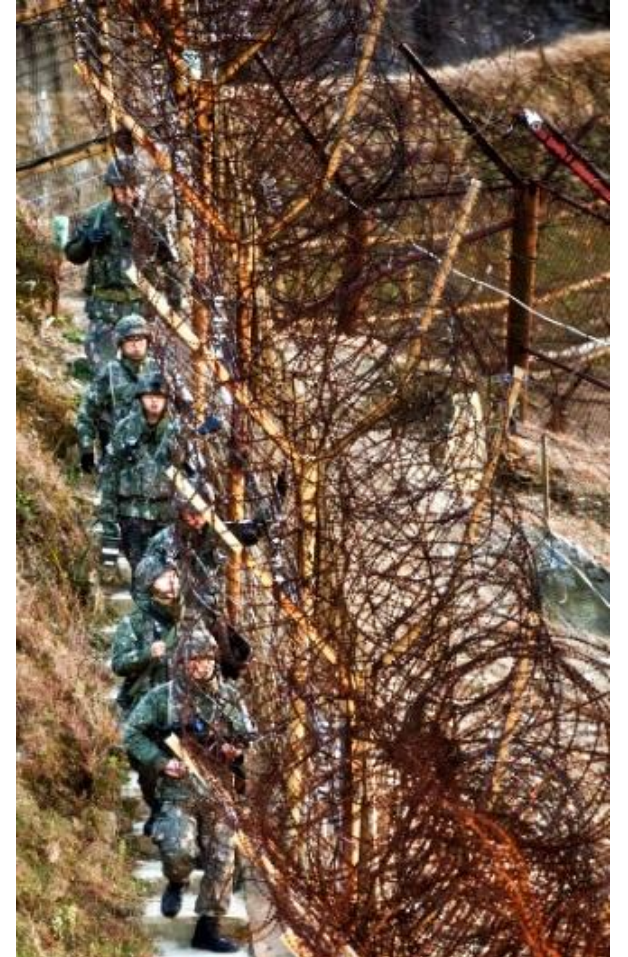
A Ministry serving the
People of North Korea



Heartbreaking Statistics



Currently, Korea stands as the only divided nation on Earth.



Heartbreaking Statistics

DEFECTORS

The collapse of the economic market (1995) has plunged 25 million people into horrendous suffering.

As a result, over a million people have escaped North Korea, with around 34,000 of them seeking refuge in South Korea.



Heartbreaking Statistics

DEFECTORS

Sadly, these defectors left behind parents, children, family members and friends in North Korea.

They work hard to earn money to support their families in North Korea who are enduring extreme poverty.



Heartbreaking Statistics

EXTREME POVERTY

North Korean citizens routinely face food insecurity, government oppression, a culture that promotes spying on friends and loved ones.



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RESTRICTED FREEDOM

North Korea worshippers of Jesus Christ must pray in secret or face penalties up to imprisonment or execution.

People of Pyongyang praying in silence and secrecy



Heartbreaking Statistics

OPPRESSION

While the outside world knows very little about North Korea's oppressive, secretive regime, [Open Doors International](#) estimates that 50,000-70,000 Christians are held in North Korean prison camps.



Heartbreaking Statistics



UNLAWFUL CONVICTION

North Korean court sentencing two 16-year-old boys to 12 years of hard labor for watching a South Korean television show, known as a k-drama.

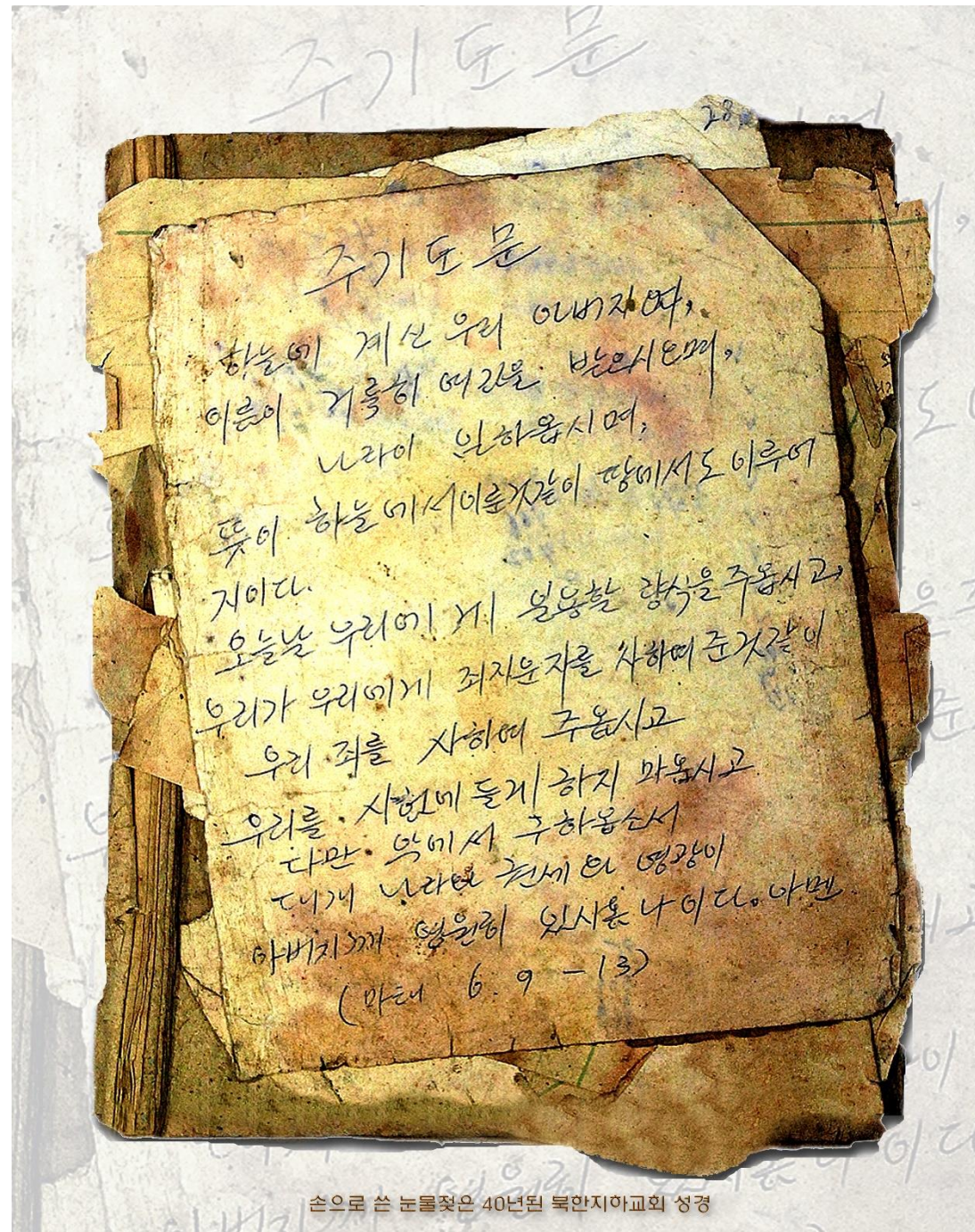
North Korea cracks down on interaction and reconciliation with its neighbor to the south.



BBC Video Footage; Jan 18, 2024

Hope

For the last 20 years, a nonprofit organization /ministry named **River of Life** has helped deliver HOPE, FAITH and IMPROVED LIVING to the people of North Korea.



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Committed Leadership



The Founder of [River of Life](#), having lost his wife, wishes to carry out the remainder of his time/act on God's calling through support, prayers and partnerships serving the oppressed people of North Korea.

He successfully operates a Four Step Program.



River of Life's Four Step Program



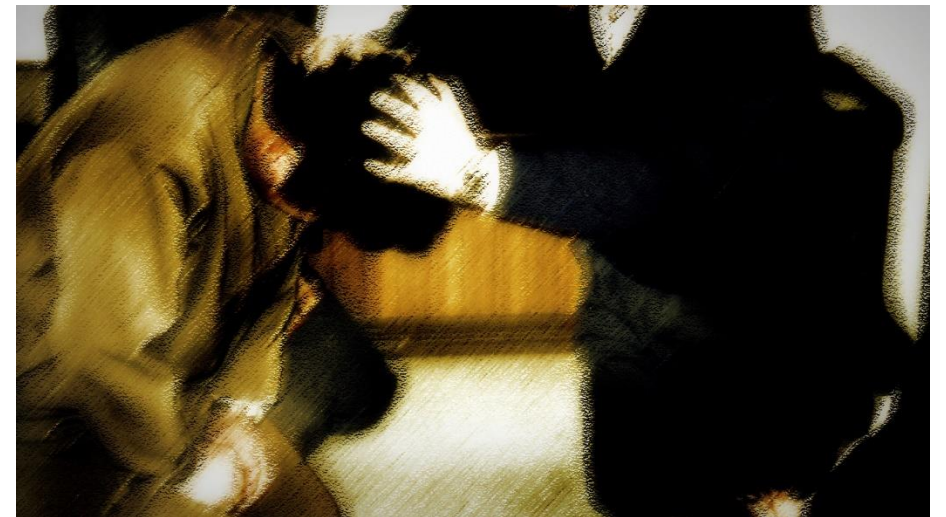
Four Step Program



North Korea citizens teeter on the brink of survival and despair.

River of Life stands as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path to relief with a four-step plan born from 20 years of dedicated effort.

Our ministry extends beyond financial and humanitarian assistance. We also share the love of Jesus and to those living in desperate situations.



Four Step Program



I. Financial Aid

River of Life provides general aid (life-sustaining humanitarian aid) representing **\$4,000** to North Korean families 2-3 times per year.

This contact frequency creates efficient and impactful assistance to the families where we also share the gospel of Christ.



Four Step Program



2. Phones

[River of Life](#) provides phones to intermediary brokers who connect South Korean defectors with their families in North Korea.

These phones, which are typically Chinese made, facilitate effective and safe communication. Without phones, nothing can be accomplished.

Phones are a lifeline.



Four Step Program

3. Medical Supplies

River of Life can purchase medical items and introduce them through official trade route

OR

Directly assist doctors or nurses working in North Korean hospitals. River of Life helps them start small medical businesses to become self-sufficient and care for families.

*Doctors and nurses receive almost no salary

** If people want to receive treatment at a hospital, they must buy medicine from the market and bring it to the hospital



Four Step Program



4. Remittance

There are great limitations to sending money from outside to help defector's families.

North Korea's economy has collapsed due to severe economic difficulties, leading to the breakdown of the planned economy.



Four Step Program



4. Remittance

However, [River of Life](#) has successfully helped set up micro businesses in markets (e.g., jangmadang) like small transportation and taxi services.

Fellow believers use these platforms to **make contact, receive money, and obtain gospel materials**. They can travel to other regions under the pretext of purchasing goods, allowing them to deliver money to other families, share the gospel, and pass on news.



Four Step Program



4. Remittance

Reasons for directly engaging in the North Korean money transfer business:

1. **High Current Fees:** The current money transfer system charges an exorbitant fee of around 40%. This is an incredibly high 'commission rate'
2. **Limitations of Current Brokers:** The current brokers who deliver money and family news are professional, money-making intermediaries with no connection to the gospel. As a result, they **cannot be entrusted with gospel-related errands** and they **charge extremely high fees**.



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Four Step Program



4. Remittance

Our ultimate goal is to **provide assistance (and hope!), deliver life-sustaining resources and spread the gospel of Christ**, but when avenues for providing financial assistance to families are obstructed or reduced, opportunities are **greatly diminished**.



Four Step Program



4. Remittance

Therefore, we **directly engage in remittance services.**

By doing so, we can reduce remittance fees by up to 30%, allowing more defectors to send money to their families.

This enables us to **assist many more families with available funds.**



Impact Stories



[River of Life](#) delivers collateral serving **Youth Ministries.**

Pictured:

Teenagers who believe in Jesus are seen here listening to bible study and gospel songs.

The [River of Life](#) ministry delivers these to families in North Korea. These teens are all cousins and enjoying the teachings of our lord, Jesus Christ.



Impact Stories



[River of Life](#) delivers collateral associated with **Bible Studies**.

Pictured:

New believers in Pyongyang (faces blurred to preserve identity) secretly worship and study the bible.

As part of our Four Step Approach, [River of Life](#) sends money twice a year to sustain living conditions while also delivering Bible-based collateral.



Impact Stories



[River of Life](#) addresses **Poverty and Hunger.**

Pictured: Normal, middle-class people of North Korea are seeing starvation in their neighborhoods.

Women and Children suffer this plight the most. [River of Life's Four Step approach](#) includes medical supplies and professional consultation.



Impact Stories



River of Life assists with **Small Businesses.**

Pictured:

River of Life's Four Step Program helps citizens create and operate start up businesses. Business interactions **enable personal contact, money exchange, and the sharing of Christ-centered materials.**

Operators travel to other regions under the pretext of purchasing goods, allowing them to deliver money to other families, share the gospel, and pass on news.



Impact Stories



River of Life assists with **Phones.**

Pictured:

Within [River of Life's](#) Four Step Program, Chinese phones are distributed via intermediary brokers who connect South Korean defectors with their families in North Korea. These phones are reliable and facilitate secure communication.

Without phones, nothing can be accomplished.

Phones are a lifeline.



Impact Stories



River of Life focuses on **Salvation**.

Pictured:

River of Life's Founder is a pastor.

He recently and secretly performed a baptism for a believer in a certain area of North Korea. The individual was instructed to bring a small bottle of water and climb up a mountain.

Upon explaining the meaning of baptism, the individual knelt down and the Pastor poured the water over his head and prayed for him.

It was an incredibly moving moment. They cried together.



Mission Focused

As a beacon of hope for more than 20 years, [River of Life](#) delivers a path of relief with our proven four-step plan born from years of dedicated effort. Our ministry includes and **extends beyond financial and humanitarian assistance.**

We also **share the love of Jesus** and to those living in destitution.

We **assist our brothers and sisters in need.** We partner with individuals, donors and churches both in North America and in South Korea.



Get Involved



Lifeline Funds: Support families with essential resources, embodying Christ's love through tangible means.

Communication Bridges: Help us provide phones to connect estranged families, restoring hope with every call made.

Health as a Right: Help us distribute medical supplies to combat the physical scars of oppression, nurturing bodies back to health.

Economic Empowerment: Help us facilitate small businesses and reduce remittance fees, fostering independence and strength within communities.



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Difference Maker.

