

The following are excerpts from testimonies included in VOMC's sister mission's balloons which are deployed into North Korea.

My lovely brothers and sisters,

I am a North Korean who came to South Korea in 2003. As you know, in North Korea, we hadn't received any food distribution since June of 1995. It was hard to survive as a person who had to care for three children. One day, I sent one of my oldest children to get food from my relative who lives in Hamkyungbokdo near the Tumen River. After two months, I hadn't heard any news from my child. So I left home alone and crossed the Tumen River to find my child. My husband and little son were still were in North Korea. I decided to stay in China in order to find my child and search for food.

After returning to my hometown, I discovered that my husband was sent to a prison camp and died there. Upon hearing this, I decided to abandon my hometown. I soon left for China with no regrets. I ended up staying in China for 6 years. Living in China as an illegal migrant woman was a life full of pain and suffering. By God's grace, I arrived in South Korea in June of 2003.

I was surprised when I arrived at Incheon International Airport because it was located on the sea; it was magnificent. I realized that I had lived in hell in North Korea. Compared to people's lives in South Korea, there was a tremendous difference. Over the course of 60 years, South Korea has become the 10th economic power in the world. On the other hand, North Korea is one of the poorest countries in the world. Even though North Koreans struggle to build a prosperous and powerful nation, their efforts are futile. I am saddened when I think about my people who still live in North Korea.

By God's grace and His choosing, I am now able to live in South Korea. I know that there is one God who exists. He breathes with us. He lives with us and He intimately leads us. I would like to share from my testimony that God stays with us forever.

Do you know that there was a great revival in Pyongyang in 1907? There were many people gathering together to meditate on the Word of God. Their lives were being changed by His Words. Unfortunately, this revival was oppressed by Kim Il-Sung, because it threatened the communist party. Under communist ideology, there is no God. He does not exist. However, this is not true. In the Bible, God says that He loves you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God had loved us so much so he sent us his only son, Jesus Christ to die for us. Because God loves you, you were able to find this flyer today. There is only One who exists whom we can call God. Only one God deserves to receive our worship. Only one God is a true Saviour.

Is there any hope for us to enter eternal life with God? In the Bible, we learn that Jesus Christ, who came to the earth 2000 years ago, is our Saviour. He died on the cross to pay our sinful

debt. However, he didn't stay under the power and darkness of death. His body did not decay. After he died, he was raised from the dead and now lives victoriously for all believers. Jesus Christ conquered the power of death. Even more amazingly, he forgives our sin.

According to Bible, God says "If you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). It means that we have to recognize our sinful nature and try to stay away from doing evil. But we are powerless to do this in our own strength. It is essential for us to believe in God and understand that we need to confess Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Soon, all of the nations and tongues will confess that God exists and that He is true. Even the dictators over the nations will believe and serve God. The Bible says that the name of Jesus Christ is over all of the creatures on earth. All creatures will one day kneel and bow down to confess Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Philippians 2:9-11 tells us that "God exalted [Jesus] to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Dear People's Republic Army soldiers,

Greetings to Communication Battalion soldiers in Division 2, Corps 1! I once worked as a vice-platoon leader in the communication battalion. I deeply respect your hard work in carrying out your military training. In the mid 1980s, I too worked hard to become a well-trained soldier to fight for Mr. Kim, Il-Sung and Mr. Kim, Jung-Il. In the army, I served Mr. Kim with the strength and power of a bomb and the energy of a machine gun.

My fellow soldiers, I still fondly remember your farewell events for me when I was discharged from the army. I remember when, on Mr. Kim's orders, our division was moved to a mining dungeon located in Gumduk. It was a unilateral decision without any notice, so we were unhappy. Despite this, we worked hard to be loyal to the Party and to Mr. Kim while in this mining dungeon. During this time, we suffered with hunger, and endured much hardship. Someone lost his legs when he was hit by a railroad train; some even lost their lives. At that time, I worked as a gang conveyance secretary. When I reported our poor working conditions and accidents to Mr. Kim through the Party Central Committee, they dismissed me. I was deeply frustrated because of this unfair treatment. I just had to leave my hometown and my country behind. I did not know at the time that I would one day be sending a letter to my fellow soldiers in the near future. I just trusted God to guide my directions.

When I reflect on my life in North Korea, I realize that I was a bird in a cage. I didn't know what was going on in the world at all. After escaping from North Korea, I realized that all nations who believe in God live a wealthy life. I discovered that some nations who worship false idols instead believing God have suffered with starvation and famine. In these countries, human dignity is trampled by the leaders. This gives evidence of God's existence.

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The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Because God loved us, we can love him. Because God loved us so much, he sent his only son to us and sacrificed him for our sin. However, his son was resurrected from the dead. He now takes care of his believers—just as he did then, he does now. This is the reason why you have found this flyer. There is only One whom we can call God. Only one God deserves to be worshipped by human beings. There is only One who is your true Saviour.

Is there any hope for you to live eternally with God? Yes, there is. According to the Bible, it says that Jesus Christ is our Saviour who came to the earth 2000 years ago. Jesus Christ hung on the cross to pay our sinful debt. After three days, he was raised from the dead. Jesus Christ conquered the power of death so we could receive forgiveness for our sins.

God says in the Bible, "If you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). We are sinners. We can try to stay away from evil things, but we need to confess Jesus Christ as our Saviour. One day, leaders like Mr. Kim, Jung-Il will recognize and serve God as their Saviour. According to the Bible, the name of Jesus Christ is above the name of all others. Everyone will kneel down before Jesus Christ and will confess Him as their Saviour. You will realize this to be true when you accept and believe in God. When you accept Him, you will feel such affection and thankfulness in your life because of the Almighty God.

Dear People's Republics Army soldiers, I pray for your strength and health. I hope to meet you one day in heaven with God. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is the living God and our Almighty Saviour.

My dear brothers and sisters,

When I lived in North Korea, I always thought that it was the best country in the world. However, I have realized that North Korean leaders deprived me of my dreams and basic rights. I had lived as a slave in North Korea. There is an old folk saying that goes, "The sky knows, and the sky will punish." I should like to change this folk saying to say, "It is not the sky who can punish bad people, but it is God who lives in heaven and rules over the sky."

Our God created human beings. He provided water and air for us to live. He has created a destiny for our lives. God and God alone is the One in control of everything that happens in this world.

My dear follows, you must find God. When you seek God and serve Him, you will find happiness and enjoy a truly peaceful life. While you may not understand this truth yet, it is very important that you know this truth. Did you know that Kim, Il-Sung's father and mother were faithful Christians? In spite of this, Kim, Il-Sung twisted the truth and made himself to be a god. After that, life in North Korea became like living in hell. North Koreans have been forced to believe that their destiny and peaceful life was given to them by Mr. Kim.

When I lived in North Korea, I slipped into China to earn foreign money to live. I could have been arrested by Chinese Security officers, but God protected me and led me to happiness. When we call out to God, He is kind to respond to us, wherever we are. God always stays with us. It is not too late to seek God and believe in Him. God is able to do all things, especially things that we human beings cannot accomplish.

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Please wake up from the darkness to find the Light of World. God loves us and wants to care for us all of the time. Run to God and slip into His arms. You need to receive the love of God. I will pray for you every day so that you can stay under God's protection and His blessings.

I love you in Christ Jesus.

Dear North Koreans,

Did you know that, in 1907, there was a great revival in Pyongyang as people turned to God? This revival started at Zhangdaehyun Church on the 14th of January as people met together for Bible study. Thousands of Koreans gathered together to study the word of God. Unfortunately, it was stopped because of Mr. Kim Il-Sung's oppression. Mr. Kim, Il-Sung and Jung-Il created their idols and forced North Koreans to worship it, but they are not a first people who created idols in the world.

You may be asking yourself the question, "Why should I believe in God?" You have been taught to worship the Kim family as human gods and ignore the One true God, who created the heavens and the earth, and everything in them. If there IS no God, then why are North Korean leaders afraid Him? Why do they heavily persecute people of strong faith even though freedom of religion is written into the constitution?

North Korean leaders maliciously criticize the Christian faith. They claim that the Doctrine of God is fiction, that it is a tool created by imperialists and the exploited class. Meanwhile, they suppress North Koreans and justify their actions by saying they are helping people to escape from imperialism. In reality, they are enslaving you to feelings of horror and anxiety.

I know this because I am North Korean. Since coming to South Korea as a North Korean defector, it has been tremendously painful to adjust to life in my new country and culture. Since childhood, I was taught to remain loyal to North Korean leaders. In exchange for my loyalty, I experienced desperate hunger and systemic slavery. When I look back at my sufferings in North Korea, I feel betrayed and angry.

If it wasn't for God, I would not have survived under those severe circumstances. Without Him, I would be wandering like an orphan, crying with pain and fear. I want you to know that God exists. He is real and He is truth. God knows your suffering and does not ignore you. He is able to revive your mind and make you righteous.

My dear North Korean brothers and sisters, what I am saying is not intended to destroy our families and relatives who live in North Korea. My heart is to tell you the truth. Please, accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Believing in God is free. If you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you will receive peace and joy and become a righteous man. Please accept God and tell this amazing story to your family, friends and neighbors. And remember to pray.

Please, pray for yourself, neighbors and others. Pray for God to relieve your constant anxiety, worry, sorrow and pain. Pray for your North Korean leaders. God will one day destroy their tyrannical oppression. Pray that God's plans will soon come to pass. Know that all nations and Christians pray for you over the world.