

MISSIONARY

The Persecuted Church: North Korea

Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, was known as the Jerusalem of the East in 1907 because of a great revival where hundreds of churches were started. Sadly North Korea is now one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian and anyone suspected of following Jesus faces imprisonment, torture and even death.

Since the establishment of the Kim Dynasty in 1948, the ruling family in North Korea, worship of anything other than Kims is completely forbidden. The country operates on a 'military first' basis with everything going to support the military. Food is sparse across the country with millions living in poverty; 2-3 million people have died from famine since the 1990s.

Christians are treated exceptionally harshly;. If you are suspected of being a Christian, you, and up to three generations of your family, can be sent to a concentration camp. Open Doors estimates that there are between 50,000-70,000 Christians in camps across North Korea.

Open Doors has a North Korea coordinator who operates a team of people that take Bibles and food into the country and help support Christians as they meet and worship in secret.

Prayer points:

- * Pray for protection, strength and safe fellowship for North Korean Christians who meet together secretly every week.
- * Pray for the work of Open Doors that food will reach those who need it most and for safety as they bring Bibles into the country.
- * Pray that freedom will come to the thousands of Christians who are in the many concentration camps across North Korea - pray that they will not lose hope and know God's love and presence with them especially when things get really tough.
- * Finally, pray for freedom to come to North Korea and that the lies and brain-washing of the Kim Dynasty will fall & true freedom of religion will come to this nation.

“ Our prayers can go where we cannot.
There are no borders, no prison walls,
No doors that are closed to us when we pray.”

Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors

Not even Kim Jong-un and his most deadly secret agents can hold back the hand of God. Our prayer make a real difference for our brothers and sisters in North Korea.



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In Touch

*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days .
Psalm 90: 14*

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

10.30 AM MORNING MEETING

Welcome to our services today.

Pastor Jonny Dowds will be preaching from Mark 9: 38-50

A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.

Following the morning s service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.

6.00 PM MEETING

We meet again this evening for worship

Pastor Jonny will be preaching from Haggai 1: 2-11

Communion will follow the service

If you have any questions regarding today's services or concerning the church please speak to Jonny afterwards

Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website: www.upneybaptist.org.uk

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DIARY DATES

MONDAY:

9.30-11.30am Tot Stop

TUESDAY:

7.30pm Prayer & Bible Study Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

2.00pm Women's Own: Rebekah Brown, Corn Hill
6.15-7.45pm Girls' Brigade (5yrs-14+)

THURSDAY:

6.30-8.00pm (Explorers (Boy & Girls, Rec.-Yr.5) Family Fun Evening
6.30-8.00pm (Impact (Yr. 6+) See below

FRIDAY:

7.00am Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY:

4.30-6.00pm Marriage Matters Course

SUNDAY:

10.15am Prayer Meeting
10.30am John Crawley
2.30pm Harp House
6.00pm Derek Cleave

Corn Hill Team 6th-12th February. A team from Cornhill will be involved in all auxiliary meetings during the week.

On Thursday, the Explorer & Impact Groups are having a family fun evening. This is open to everyone, a Church Family event, so whether you have children or not, please come along and support it. The Corn Hill Team will be taking part.

TOOLS WITH a MISSION

The TWAM van will be coming on **Monday morning, Feb.13th** to collect our donations.

If you have big items or lots of equipment to give, we can arrange for the van to come and pick it up at your house.

Thank you

PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” *Philippians 4:6*

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of David Cairns. Our prayers and sympathy are with Beryl and his children, Elizabeth, Catherine, Donald and their families. David is now free from pain and is with his Lord, but we will miss him.

MONDAY: The Corn Hill Team start their mission week here at Upney. They are with Tot Stop this morning. Pray it will be a good time with the Carers and babies, and they will be able to get the gospel message over.

TUESDAY: Ivory Coast: Jesus Film workshop. After sorting out a few computer hitches, they are doing well. Pray they will learn and accomplish all that is necessary by Friday. Praise God for the freewill gifts received towards Thomas' new motor-bike. Pray for the Home Fellowship Groups as they meet in their new groupings, may they soon settle in with each other.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for Beryl in these early days of bereavement, may she know God's arms around her at this distressing time. The Cornhill team will be attending both Women's Own and the Girls' Brigade. Pray for the opportunities they have to present the gospel.

THURSDAY: This evening we are expecting a great time when many will attend for a Church Family Fun evening. Pray that people will come as families and also be supported by people from the Church. May the team be used to draw people to Christ in their talk.

FRIDAY: Continue to pray for the following people who are sick, elderly or lonely: Paul & Val Bebbington, Brian Parry, Christine King, Olives nephew Richard, Graham King's brother, Mary Servante, Maggie Woodvine, Cathie Hughes, David Jeffries, Christine Dowds, Jackie Challis, Joyce Sparks, Ross Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Rebekah Lindsay, Sylvia Price, Jimmy Martin, Jenny McClenaghan, Colin Wylde, Cathie Hughes brother, Donna Howe, Ken Luck, Jeannie Hurrell, Sharon Crawley, Emma Wylde, Len Ringshaw, Pray for Jean Waldon in care.

SATURDAY: Give thanks for the thousands of police officers & community support officers who keep London's streets safe. Pray they'll carry out their duties with wisdom, care & compassion. Pray God's protection over them as they work.

SUNDAY: Pray for John Crawley as he brings God's message to us this morning and for Derek Cleave this evening.