

DPRK FLOODING OIN AUGUST

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Recent news reports indicate that the DPRK has again been impacted by flooding stemming from heavy seasonal rains that intensified in early August. While details are limited at this time, we know from visits in years past the damage and misery that occur in the DPRK following heavy flooding. Needs are expected to include food, medicine and construction materials. We will be making a planned visit to the DPRK from August 26 – September 7, and during that time we hope to assess flood damage in our supported areas while engaged in our regular ongoing work. If you can help with this or other pressing priorities (see below) we will respond as fully as possible based on the needs we see, flood related or otherwise, on the upcoming visit.

Fall 2010 Visits: The original intent of our late August visit is to confirm multiple shipments we have sent over the summer - shipments made possible through your faithful support. These include canned meat and other food, medicine, medical supplies, vitamins, tractors, and greenhouses (especially useful for growing food during coming cold winter months). Also included is a shipment of heavy duty electrical cable, needed to connect the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory we helped renovate to the national power grid.

In October we expect to visit again, with teams of volunteers to complete water supply projects at two TB rest homes, conduct a greenhouse workshop for representatives from twenty or more TB facilities, open the National TB Reference Lab, and initiate more full-scale lab training in partnership with Stanford University and the Bay Area TB Consortium. We covet your prayers and support for these and other ongoing efforts to love and serve the people of the DPRK in the name of Christ.