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SEOUL, South Korea - A former North Korean political prisoner Tuesday offered grim details of life in a communist regime prison camp, saying he saw many inmates die from overwork and starvation. The ex-inmate, who survived the prison camp at Yodok, about 70 miles northwest of Pyongyang, said a former defector was beaten to death for having contacted Christian representatives in China, he said.

"Most people died of malnutrition and its complications," said the inmate, who used the pseudonym Kim Chol-soo to protect relatives in the North from retaliation. Wearing a dark hat and hospital mask to hide his face, Kim told a news conference that prisoners received a starvation ration of 21 ounces of food a day.

Kim said some inmates didn't mourn the deaths of fellow prisoners because they could get more rations if they buried them.

"I once buried a man, and it was good, as I ate fully that day," Kim said.

Re: N. Korean Man Tells Prison Horror Story - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2005/11/23 12:54

This is definitely a horror story. There was an incredible book written by a person who survived the tremendous (EDIT: TORTURE) and she came to the Korean church I used to attend. She came a couple of times and in my Spirit, I wept when I saw her. We can't begin to fathom what these folks have walked through and are still walking through.

I can't recall the name of the book but if anyone is interested, I'll dig around the house and find it. It was an incredibly painful book for me to read and I wasn't able to finish it. It used to be sold through the Voice of the Martyrs but I'm not sure if it's still available there or not.

Re: - posted by martymill (), on: 2005/11/23 13:12

I read "The Heavenly Man" by Brother Yun. That book impacted me greatly. These Chinese believers are the real thing. I remember a passage where they were baptizing converts by cutting a whole in the ice on the lake! The author said if the convert wasn't willing to be baptized in freezing water he wasn't really willing to follow Christ!

It sure put me to shame.

Martin

Re: Asian Communist Prison Camps - posted by Compton (), on: 2005/11/23 14:08

As this thread is discussing the horrors of living in a communist prison camp I thought I would pass on this recent article from VOM.

Bush's Visit to Beijing Helps Trigger Release of Christian Leaders
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The Voice of the Martyrs- Michael F. Haverluck

President Bush's two-day visit to Beijing beginning on November 19 proved to be a memorable event for house church leader Pastor Zhang Mingxuan. He was transported by several security agents along with his son from his Beijing detention center to a government guest hotel in Shaqi County of Henan Province the day before Bush's arrival. They were released the day after the President's strong message to Chinese Communist authorities about advancing religious freedom. Their 9:30 AM release also came a couple days after China Aid's press release reported the pastor kidnapped, believing he was being relocated to prevent the President from meeting with him. Pastor Zhang was able to share the gospel with all those detaining him at the hotel before his release.

Eight house church leaders in Henan Province were also released by Chinese authorities the same day President Bush arrived in Beijing. This also happened just hours after China Aid Association issued a press release about their arrests. Two of the leaders, 40-year-old Pastor Huang Hailiang and Pastor Wei Lin (in his 20s), were tortured by their interrogators, but all of the reported leaders were discharged from police custody, even though none of their confiscated church property was returned. China Aid's Bob Fu reported that they all felt honored to be persecuted for their faith, and were extremely grateful to God and everyone who helped and prayed for their release.

In anticipation of President Bush's Beijing visit on November 19, elders from the South China Church wrote an open letter to him. This was done in appreciation for his expressed concern (...can you imagine any of us that visit this forum writing a letter of appreciation to Bush?) for the SCC's welfare and to heighten his awareness about the treatment and condition of its founder, who has been imprisoned since 2001. It detailed Pastor Gong's unjust death sentence that was mitigated to life in prison for the false charges of "rape," and "intentional injury," as well as "organizing and using a cult organization to undermine the implementation of the law." Also mentioned were the 411 days he was shackled, his beatings and lack of needed medical treatment, and his severe isolation while being detained at Hongshan Prison in Wuhan, Hubei Province. The letter helped Bush understand the extent of Christian suffering, pointing out the arrest of over 1,000 SCC evangelists, while depicting how church members are regularly tortured with electric batons, cigarette butts, deceived, and falsely accused.

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