

Preaching the Word - Caring for the Brotherhood

Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission – July 2021

South Korea

South Korea is a small country crowded with many people – approximately 50 million. The country has handled the Covid 19 problem well, but they have been through a few lock-downs, not only in Seoul but most cities. Our brethren and sisters are going well, not needing financial support or help with food. However they are small in number, meeting in 2 ecclesias and this has reduced their ability to meet with each other, and especially to have combined activities such as their annual Bible Camp in August each year.

Due to modern technology we have been able to maintain contact through emails, as well as “attending” the weekly Bible Readings class by Zoom. This has been interesting as it is necessary to translate comments from the Non-Koreans to the Koreans, and also to give a summary of the discussion back to the non-Koreans so they do not just repeat the comments discussed. On Sunday Mornings they hold their Memorial Meetings with exhortations given not only by local brethren, but also brethren in other countries, including Canada, and Australia, NSW, and SA.

I found this the first couple of times a bit daunting as the translator is part of the audience and not standing alongside. So if you need to check anything said, or changes to your notes, all hear the exchange.

At the beginning of the year, the Saturday readings were replaced on alternate Saturday with a Bible study. These were well received, with some discussion and questions.

Please remember your brothers and sisters of Korea in your prayers. Bro Ern Wigzell



Sis Tang & Sis Moon near the De-Militarised Zone (DMZ) with the last train from North to South Korea.

Mongolia.

Mongolia's border closure early last year provided an initial buffer to a major COVID-19 outbreak. Its unique geographic location between Russia and China, both striving to impress, saw 97% of the population of the capital Ulaanbaatar receive a first vaccine shot from either Russian or Chinese sources. However during May and June the country has been swept by a third virulent wave with around 300 deaths along with lockdowns.

With fieldworker visits off the agenda, communication with the sole brother in Mongolia, Bro Puuje, has been restricted to emailing weekly exhortations and Skype phone calls. Bro Puuje is retired and lives in the countryside. There is an interested friend being tutored by Bro Andy Turner now residing in the UK. Bro Puuje's sister, Sis Oyuna, is still working in Israel. Bro Garnet Alchin