

Outside the Box!

NORTH KOREA, Pyongyang

THE PLAN WAS bold—daring—audacious—and absolutely IMPOSSIBLE! Dr. Kim knew it, but he could dream, couldn't he? What if it worked?

In 1992, Dr. Kim Chin-Kyung, (*pictured below*) a Korean American entrepreneur, tempted Communist China with a juicy carrot! He proposed to build and maintain a privately funded, world-class university (taught exclusively in English) in Yanbian, Northeast China, using funds garnered almost exclusively from Christian groups in the U.S., South Korea, and the world. The teachers (mostly Christians) would be the world's foremost educators and scientists (even Nobel laureate winners) from prestigious colleges (i.e., MIT, Stanford, USC, Oxford, Cambridge) who would VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME and PAY THEIR OWN EXPENSES for the privilege of teaching China's best and brightest.

It worked! Yanbian University of Science and Technology (YUST) was born! The

university became so successful the world took notice. Neighboring countries began to salivate. Then Kim received the most astounding communique of his life. Kim Jong Il, Supreme Leader of North Korea (the most isolated, restrictive, God-despising, U.S.-reviling country on earth), REQUESTED a similar all-English university for his capital city, Pyongyang (with very stringent rules about Christianity, of course!)



"Can you believe it?!" effused Dr. Kim, the outspoken Christian founder who opened the university in 2010. "They trust me and gave me all authority to run this school." Dr. Kim further expounded:

"While the skills to be taught here are technical in nature, the spirit underlying this historic venture is unabashedly Christian..."

(This is unbelievable! We are talking about North Korea, right? The mind-controlling, man-worshipping, nuclear-bomb-building, we're-going-to-blow-the-U.S.-off-the-map nation!)

Dr. Kim's goal is to pierce the darkness of the "Hermit Kingdom" through love, values, and education. He proposes to train a new generation of leaders in business, technology, and agriculture through innovation and cooperation with the international community.

Today 550 college students, handpicked from the most elite families in North Korean society, receive a Western education paid for largely with donations from "free-market," Christian nations.

"How do you see America now that you have met some Americans?" one BBC interviewer asked a YUST student.

"I think American people are not same as U.S. [government]. These are different."

"And what do you like most about the university?"

(Only a resident from a famine-ridden, food-challenged country could appreciate this reply.)

"The buffet-style cafeteria! You can eat all you want here!" the students reported with BIG smiles on their faces. And, believe me, they do! So if you think that North Korea is a closed country—think again! It is not closed to those who think outside the box!

GHANA, West Africa

Missionary Ted Speer

(pictured with convert)

The influence of our television program, *The Fundamental Hour*, continues to grow. We have been ranked #1 in viewership for our time slot in Ghana. Basically, 500,000 people watch the program every week. Other satellite services have picked up our broadcast and have extended our coverage to 38 African nations. We have received feedback from seven of these countries. The following are two testimonies:

"Moses D., a pastor of seven churches in northeastern Ghana, watched our program and traveled a long distance to visit our station. We realized he was unsaved, so we witnessed to him, and he accepted Christ. Now he is in our Bible college.

"Dominic A. was a Church of Christ pastor from Cape Coast. After hearing our program, he visited our church and stayed two weeks in order to be taught sound doctrine and soul winning by our two full-time evangelists."



UZBEKISTAN, Central Asia

Uzbekistan, which is strategically located on the ancient Silk Road from China, is 90-percent Muslim, but they practice their own Uzbek form of Islam.



ARE THERE ANY born-again Christians in Uzbekistan? YES! Decades ago Russian Christians planted churches in the Ukraine and taught those believers to evangelize. The Ukrainians understood the Great Commission and spread the gospel to neighboring countries including Uzbekistan. Today, 60 Baptist churches have a combined adult membership of 2800. Children under 18 are not included in that number.

Recently, several Uzbek families emigrated to the Mickelton, New Jersey, area and began attending the Kingsway Baptist Church pastored by Josh Miller. Although their English is limited, their love for Jesus is not. In a recent service, Davlat, Shofar, and Aslam *(pictured above in Uzbek robes)* praised God with an Uzbek rendition of the song "Give Thanks." It's amazing! God is even in Muslim Uzbekistan!

Baghdad, IRAQ



Church, School, Radio Station Project

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Amount Needed: \$238,000

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