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TWO IMPORTANT CONSECRATIONS

We rejoice with our Korean brethren at the consecrations of the two new Bishops and pray for much blessing on their Episcopal leadership in the years to come. We also thank God greatly for the ministries of Bishop Matthew and Bishop Joseph and ask for God's blessing in their retirement.



The Right Reverend Francis Kyung-Jo Park was consecrated as the 4th Bishop of Seoul in Seoul Cathedral on 7th April 2005 and was enthroned on the 1st December.



The Right Reverend Solomon Jong-Mo Yoon was consecrated and enthroned as the Fourth Bishop of Busan at Keimyung University Seongso Campus Adams Chapel on Saturday 3rd December 2005.



The Chairman writes...

On behalf of the Trustees of the Korean Mission Partnership I would like to thank you for your most generous support and prayers for the mission work of the Anglican church in Korea.

It is wonderful to see that South Korea has risen to become 11th of world economy out of the ruins of the Korean War in the 1950's. Also it is very encouraging to see that the small seeds sown by Bishop Corfe and his team have grown up to now become a Province of the Anglican Communion. They are now sending missionaries to Japan and the Philippines and awaiting for the doors to be opened for the North Korean Mission.

The Korean Mission Partnership is still supporting the Dioceses of Busan and Daejeon as they have many small mission stations but we have ventured out to support the North Korean refugees in China for some years to come. Due to the difficult diplomatic relationships between North and South Korea, many refugees from the North suffer incredible hardships. It is difficult for the South Korean church to be seen to be directly involved in supporting refugees but members of the Korean Mission Partnership in this country should suffer no such difficulty. There is a letter with a special appeal included in this edition of Morning Calm.

Voluntary members of Trustees help in so many ways to run the Korean Mission Partnership. I am most grateful for their sacrificial support for the Mission, especially Miss Eilene Hassal who assisted Canon Masters from 1990 and then after becoming honorary secretary and treasurer in 1993 has just retired after years of faithful service. Special thanks is also due to Fr Michael Davenport for more than 30 years of dedicated service to the mission and loving hospitality to so many Korean visitors.

N.B. For everyone's information the official spellings of the Dioceses of Taejon and Pusan have been CHANGED to DAEJEON and BUSAN.

Support Projects in the Diocese of Busan

At the November meeting of the Korean Mission Partnership Committee a request was received from the then Bishop of Busan that 3 mission churches in Busan, Kimcheon and Cheju Island only had funding for their living expenses and nothing for outreach work. If any supporters of the mission felt moved to send a donation to help the work in these areas it would be very gratefully received.



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From the Chairman of the KMP – Revd Luke Lee:

"Recently, I visited the Chinese Province of Jilin, which borders North Korea, to see if there was anything the Korean Mission Partnership (KMP) could do to help the refugees from North Korea in China and the starving in North Korea.

North Korea is a closed country so it is hard to know what is going on. I have been told that human rights are non-existent and any opposition is dealt with harshly by the regime – with the whole family often sent to labour camps. During the first four months of 2004, the camp's food ration remained at 300 grams per person per day – which is not enough to live on. I also heard that at least 3 million people have died of starvation since the end of the Korean War and real suffering still continues – except for the privileged few and the armed forces. About 300,000 people have defected from North Korea and settled in China, Russia and other countries. **So is the situation completely hopeless? Out of sight and out of mind?"**

Father Luke continued: "Although the problem is largely political, and there is a limit to what the KMP & its supporters can do, **we know we cannot ignore the plight of the refugees and the starving people of North Korea.** During my visit to China, I was very fortunate to find a doctor who is using his own money to provide food and medicines for the refugees. As his resources are limited, he urgently needs more money to continue his valuable work:

***** We hope you will be able to respond generously to this 2006 KMP appeal – to help suffering North Koreans.** We also greatly value your prayers for KMP's work."

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