

# Ryongchon Train Explosion Relief Project Report

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## Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon

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Photo taken May 10, 2004 at ceremony commemorating King Benevolent Fund's donation to Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon.

## I. Background

On April 22, 2004, two train wagons believed to be carrying fuel and fertilizer collided at the Ryongchon Train Station in Ryongchon, North Korea, located in the northwestern corner of North Korea along the Chinese border. Early government reports declared over 1,000 injuries with at least 50 casualties while international media stated the number of fatalities to be over 3,000. More than 1,800 buildings were said to have been leveled by the explosion with over 6,000 partly damaged.

This massive catastrophe caused North Korea to reach out to the international community seeking aid and assistance. A major response came from around the world including China, South Korea, and the United States, among others. As a part of this drive to help the citizens of Ryongchon, a coalition of non-profit and private volunteer organizations from the Washington D.C. metropolitan area came together to form Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon.

Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon was able to combine the resources of member organizations and utilize its connections with concerned community members and organizations to collect funds, medical supplies, foodstuffs, and necessary daily materials to ship to the people of Ryongchon. Because of this united effort and the generous contributions from numerous donors, Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon was able to collect and ship materials valued at close to US\$11.45 million and raise nearly US\$69,000 in funds.



Map courtesy of the ReliefWeb project, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

## **II. Participating Organizations**

The following organizations contributed to the creation of Korean-Americans Helping Citizens of Ryongchon and were participants in its activities:

Action for the Future of Korean-Americans  
American Wheat Mission in Washington  
Council of Korean Churches of Greater Washington  
Heung Sa Dahn  
Korean American Sharing Movement  
Korean Christian Ethics Movement  
Korean Community Aged of Washington  
Korean Ho Nam Fellowship of Washington  
Korean Poets and Writers Group  
Korean Soccer Association of Washington  
Korean Veterans Association of Washington  
Korean-American Association of Northern Virginia  
Korean-American Association of State of Maryland  
Korean-American Association of Washington Metropolitan Area  
Korean-American Foundation  
Korean-American Society of Greater Richmond  
Organization of Korean-American Women  
R.O.K. Marine Corps Veterans Association of MD, VA, DC  
Serving the Nations  
Washington Korean Pastor's Council  
Washington Korean-American Northern Federation

### **III. List of Donors**

American Wheat Mission, Washington Branch

Anna Prayer Counseling

Christian Ethics Movement

Hankook Ilbo

King Pharmaceuticals

Messiah Presbyterian Church

Northern VA Korean Presbyterian Church

Dr. K.S. Park of Annandale, VA

Dr. Ok Cha Soh of Greenbelt, MD

Hana Song of Huntington, WV

#### **By way of the Council of Korean Churches of Greater Washington:**

Agape Baptist Church of Virginia

Council of Korean Churches of Greater Washington

Council of Korean Churches of Miami

Eun Kwang Korean Church

Full Gospel Washington Church

Germantown Korean Baptist Church

Jin Hyuk Jung

Korean Central Presbyterian Church

Light Global Mission Church

Seoul Presbyterian Church

Washington Area Women's Christian Group

Washington Chodae Church

Washington Good Shepherd Church

Washington Joo Pyung Korean Church

Yaebon Presbyterian Church

Young Gwang Presbyterian Church

**By way of the Korea Times:**

Columbia, Tae Kwon Do Institute, Inc.

Family Care Pharmacy, Inc.

Full Gospel Hope Church, Clinton, NC

Holy Korean Martyrs Roman Catholic Congregation

Hosanna Church, MD

Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church, Waldorf, MD

Jimmies Food Mart, Baltimore, MD

Thomas E. and Jong J. Jordan of Stafford, VA

Il Nam Jung of Gaithersburg, MD

Sam Kim of Ellicott City, MD

The Korea Times

Korean Church of Vision and Love

Korean Methodist Church of Love, Severn, MD

The Korean Veterans Association

Metropolitan Council of Korean Baptist Church

Morgantown Korean Church, WV

New Covenant Fellowship Church

Choong H. and Youngsook C. Park of Fairfax, VA

Parkside Food Corp.

Seoul National University Alumni Assoc. of Greater Washington

Something Fishy, Inc., Manassas, VA

Taejon Girls High School Alumni Fund

Keum S. Yoon of Alexandria, VA

A special thanks to everyone who contributed. Because of everyone's generous contributions, US\$68,973.60 was raised to finance shipping costs.

#### IV. Delivery of Relief Aids

A total of four shipments were sent to Ryongchon, DPRK. Values listed in US\$.

	Shipment #1	Shipment #2	Shipment #3	Shipment #4
Date Shipped	5/14/2004	6/6/2004	7/13/2004	9/4/2004
Shipping Cost	\$10,760.00	\$14,835.00	\$32,440.00	\$9,625.00
Shipment Value	\$9,504,414.00	\$1,430,000.00	\$282,300.00	\$232,500.00

##### Shipment #1

Contents:

description	quantity	value
1. Cortisporin Opth Susp 7.5 ml	6580	\$ 396,059.00
2. Cortisporin Otic Susp 10 ml	7428	\$ 415,968.00
3. Florinef acetate tab	16000	\$ 1,400,000.00
4. Flovatriptan succinate tab 2.5 mg	25000	\$ 820,000.00
5. Hydrocortisone Acet Cream	2232	\$ 13,200.00
6. Jelly Lubricating 5 ox	2160	\$ 7,776.00
7. Lorabid for Oral Susp	2592	\$ 186,235.00
8. Surgical Supplies	2	\$ 179,940.00
9. Moexipril HCl Tab 15 mg	5670	\$ 600,580.00
10. Pediotic Susp 7.5 ml	2160	\$ 76,000.00
11. Protocort rectat susp 30 mg	4032	\$ 208,656.00
12. Tizanidine HCl Tab 4 mg		\$ 5,200,000.00
	total value:	\$ 9,504,414.00

Consignee:

Yom Dok Su C/O Unpasan Trading General Co.  
Ryonghung Dong Pohongang District  
Pyongyang, Democratic Peoples Republic Korea

##### Shipment #2

Contents:

description	quantity	value
Non hazardous paints	20 Pallets	\$ 1,430,000.00
	total value:	\$ 1,430,000.00

Consignee:

Unpasan Trading General Company  
Kyunghung-Dong, Potonggang District  
Pyongyang, D.P.R.Korea

### Shipment #3

Contents:

description	quantity	value
70X Manual Patient Bed	1	\$ 35,000.00
Kodak Film Processor	1	\$ 87,500.00
Blood Analyzer	1	\$ 123,800.00
Dental Chairs	2	\$ 36,000.00
	total value:	\$ 282,300.00

Consignee:

Flood Damage Rehabilitation  
Committee of Democratic People's Republic of Korea

### Shipment #4

Contents:

description	quantity	value
Medical Supplies	16 Pallets	\$ 230,000.00
Manual Patient Beds	5	\$ 2,500.00
	total value:	\$ 232,500.00

Consignee:

Mr. Bae Hwa Kim/ Assistant Director  
Haewye Dongpo Wonho Committee,  
Pyongyang, D.P.R.K. North Korea

## V. Summary Statistics

Total Donations Collected	\$ 68,973.60
Total Cost of Shipping	\$ 67,660.00
Other Costs	\$ 1,313.60
Balance	\$ 0.00
Total Value of Materials Shipped	\$ 11,449,214.00

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## KASM Account QuickReport All Transactions

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>KASM General Bank Account</b>							
Deposit	05/07/04	178	Hana Song	Ryongchon	Donation	\$50.00	50.00
Deposit	05/07/04	2418	American Wheat Mission Inc.	Ryongchon	Donation	\$700.00	750.00
Deposit	05/07/04	1849	Kong S. Park	Ryongchon	Donation	\$50.00	800.00
Deposit	05/21/04	1222	Anna Prayer Counseling	Ryongchon	Donation	\$200.00	1,000.00
Deposit	05/21/04	1168	Council of Korean Churches Greater WA	Ryongchon	Donation	\$27,702.10	28,702.10
Deposit	05/24/04	2111	Ok Cha Soh	Ryongchon	Donation	\$300.00	29,002.10
Deposit	05/24/04	1098	Christian Ethics Movement	Ryongchon	Donation	\$800.00	29,802.10
Check	05/25/04	2277	Messengers of Mercy	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$8,000.00	21,802.10
Check	05/25/04	2278	Messengers of Mercy	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$8,860.00	12,942.10
Deposit	06/10/04	1175	Council of Korean Churches Greater WA	Ryongchon	Donation	\$13,248.00	26,190.10
Deposit	06/10/04	7736	Northern VA Korean Presbyterian Church	Ryongchon	Donation	\$1,096.00	27,286.10
Check	06/18/04	2288	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$9,000.00	18,286.10
Check	06/18/04	2289	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$9,000.00	9,286.10
Check	06/18/04	2290	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$7,000.00	2,286.10
Check	07/01/04	2295	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$4,000.00	-1,713.90
Check	07/01/04	2296	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$6,080.00	-7,793.90
Deposit	07/01/04	2675	LGMC (donated from K-Times)	Ryongchon	Donation	\$20,999.79	13,205.89
Check	07/16/04	2302	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$6,000.00	7,205.89
Check	07/16/04	2303	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon	Donation sent out	-\$6,000.00	1,205.89
Deposit	09/16/04	1189	Council of Korean Churches Greater WA	Ryongchon	Donation	\$3,827.71	5,033.60
Check	09/28/04	2323	Serving the Nation	Ryongchon supplies	Donation sent out	-\$3,720.00	1,313.60
	09/30/04		Administrative Fees			-\$1,300.00	13.60
	09/30/04		Miscellaneous Costs			-\$13.60	0.00
Total KASM General Bank Account						<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
						Total In	\$68,973.60
						Total Out	\$68,973.60