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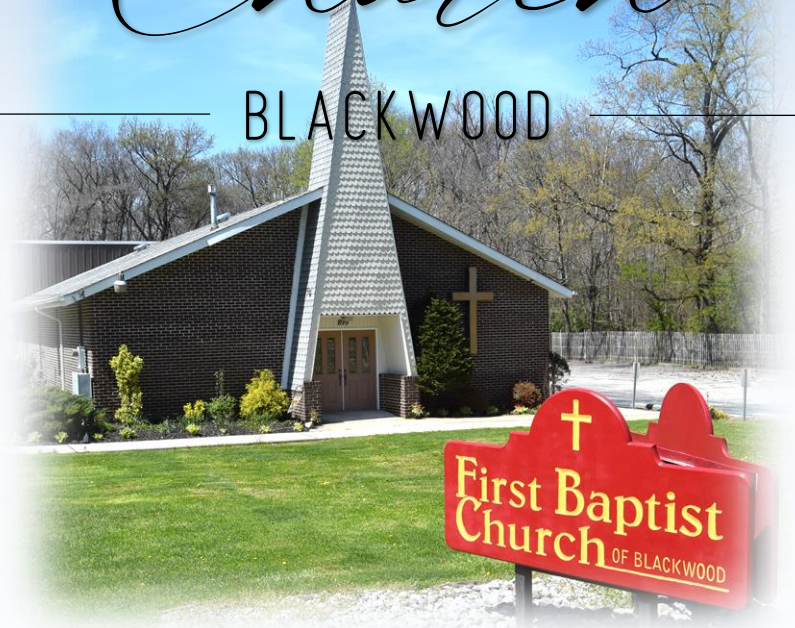
-NORTH KOREA-

NORTH KOREAN CHRISTIAN WOMAN ESCAPES SEX TRAFFICKING

- Choon-yei was born into a secure family, by North Korean standards. In 1995, however, when she was about 3 years old, North Korea experienced the worst famine in its history. Millions died of starvation. Choon-yei's parents did not have enough to feed their family. In desperation, they gave up on the government's ability to provide & began dealing on the black market. But the extra corn flour obtained & sold illegally still barely provided. At that time, North Koreans had to break the law just to eat a meal.
- Choon-yei's parents died when she was in her early teens & her sister was married when Choon-yei was 15. Not wanting to be a burden on her sister's family, Choon-yei decided to live on her own. Her only option was to earn money illegally.
- In 2012, she went with a friend on a trip & stayed in Deacon Jang's home. While there, Choon-yei noticed a Bible & opened it. As she read, she recalls feeling the Bible come into her heart even though it was her first time reading it. Pastor Han arrived & started sharing the gospel & offering reasons why she should place her trust in Jesus Christ.
- Shortly after Choon-yei returned home she was informed the government eventually abducted Deacon Jang & imprisoned him for "attempting to throw over the government".
- Later Choon-yei's friends persuaded her to go on a business trip. She then learned her friend was a sex trafficker who sold women to Chinese men. Choon-yei was the first woman in her group to be sold. Fortunately, her Chinese husband was kind to her, which is rare. More often, these women are abused & forced to stay in hiding. Choon-yei never forgot what Pastor Han had told her.
- Eventually she escaped to South Korea to meet some relatives. She was sent to a resettlement center to learn life skills to function in South Korean society. While at the center, she learned that Pastor Han had been killed. She also thought about her Chinese husband. He was a sincere, honest man, & he had taken good care of her, despite the fact that he had purchased her. "It was so painful for me to leave him behind," she said. Eventually he was able to join Choon-yei in South Korea, where he, too, became a Christian. He goes to church with her & is getting to know God more. Though he doesn't speak Korean & she is still learning Chinese, they are committed to building a Christian marriage.
- As Choon-yei considers the difficulties she has faced in life, she now sees how God has intervened & drawn her to Himself. She said, "I will be grateful if God uses my husband & me in any way."

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