

Korean Texas Baptist delivers soybeans and medical equipment to North Korea

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A Korean Texas Baptist minister returned recently from North Korea, where he confirmed delivery of 60 tons of soybeans to two churches, one hospital and five schools for orphans.



Yoo Yoon confirms delivery of soybeans in North Korea. Yoo Yoon, director of the Korean-American Sharing Movement of Dallas, has journeyed to North Korea about 30 times since 1996, typically to supervise the delivery of food and medical supplies provided by Texas Baptist Men and other donors.

Yoon verified delivery of 52 tons of soybeans to four schools for orphans in Wonsan and one school in Moonchun, both in North Korea's Kangwon Province.

At Yuka-Won preschool, Yoon said, the principal told him, "The soybeans are too good for words."

A junior and senior high school in Wonsan that serves 1,300 orphans ages 12 to 18 received 20 tons of soybeans. Yoon has visited the school several times in recent years, not only to offer food, but also to provide soccer balls and organize a sports program.

“Since we had visited the school over 10 years, many graduated from this school, all male and some female are in military service, and their service term ranges from eight to 10 years,” Yoon said. “I hope and pray that they remember us when we were with them and why we were there. Their remembering is the work of the Holy Spirit, and we need to pray for them to remember the times and the activities of love and comradeship.”



Sara Yoon examines a patient at the hospital in Wonsan. Two churches in Pyongyang, the nation’s capital city, received three tons of soybeans, and the provincial hospital in Wonsan received five tons.

Yoon’s daughter, Sara, an ophthalmologist from New York, delivered medical equipment and supplies to the Wonsan hospital. She also examined patients, consulted with physicians in the hospital’s ophthalmology department and trained them to use the equipment.