



South Korea

South Korea, whose official name is the Republic of Korea or Taehan-min'guk, sits on the southern section of the Korean Peninsula bordering North Korea. It has been ruled by ancient kingdoms as well as modern ones. Japan took control of the area in 1910, it became independent from Japan in 1945, and it fought a war from 1950 to 1953 with North Korea to remain free.

The land in the central and eastern part of the country is mostly hills and mountains covered by forests. Plains where farmers grow many crops cover most of the southern and western parts of the country. This area is also home to about three-fourths of the people and major cities such as Seoul and Busan.

The country is bordered by the East Sea (Sea of Japan) on the east and the Yellow Sea on the west. There are several important rivers in South Korea. The Nakdong (Naktong) is the longest. South Korea also has several small islands off its coast.

In the past, most of the people made their living by farming, but today, many people work in education, government, transportation, manufacturing automobiles and computer parts, international trade, news, the railroad, and many other types of jobs.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in South Korea! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Only about three out of ten people in South Korea believe in Jesus, but they work very hard to tell others and send missionaries to help people learn about Him. Pray that everyone in South Korea will know and believe in Jesus as their Savior.

Will you remember to pray for the people of South Korea? Here are a few more things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.



Pray for the people living in Seoul, Busan, Geoje, and Jeju, plus every other city and town to believe in Jesus.

