



North Korea

Rason City Orphanage, TB clinics, computer school and nurses school.

OUR PROJECTS:

The Orphanage

At any given time, between 60 - 80 orphans live at the Rason City orphanage in North Korea, supported by UnitingWorld. Today, they range in age from wide eyed toddlers to 17 year olds, on the cusp of adulthood. Rooms are shared according to age group and gender.

The local primary school is an hour's walk away so the youngest children need to be up particularly early. They return for their lunch so four hours of their day is spent trudging the long dirt road, up and down the hill from the orphanage they live in.

Computer School

The computer school offers computer skills training for both children and adults, an essential skill for North Koreans to remain competitive in the job market.

The TB clinics and Nurses school

Adequate medical staff and equipment are not readily available and the country suffers from a strain of TB that is particularly virulent. UnitingWorld has been able to set up a clinic and provide it with one x-ray to test potential suffers but it is the only machine in the entire Rason region. Transport to the clinic can be an insurmountable barrier for some sufferers. If TB is diagnosed, our TB clinic can offer treatment but the medication regime is long and expensive. Many people are turned away for lack

of medicine and beds. Not only does this mean the affected individual can potentially face death without treatment, but they return home to potentially infect others.

TB Hospital & Nurses School

In order to meet these critical needs, UnitingWorld is funding the construction of a larger TB hospital with a larger capacity and a Nurses School to provide trained staff. These buildings are half finished and more funds are urgently needed to help finish construction, furnish and equip these medical facilities adequately. Simple things like hospital beds, medication, basic equipment make a world of difference. We also seek funds to provide a mobile health clinic that can test and treat the sick and the young of the region who can't travel to the city.

TB Hospice

The TB hospice is where the most serious patients are sent, well outside the city. On a lonely hillside, many patients wait for death. The hospice urgently needs new beds as the current ones are very old and dilapidated due to constant vigorous cleaning.



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