

Korea Finds Christian Help in Wake of Devastating Floods



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While droughts and famine are plaguing some parts of the world, flooding is prevalent in others.

Dozens of people were killed and thousands left homeless by recent flooding in the Kangwon and North and South Hwanghae

province of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Forecasts call for continued heavy rains in the coming weeks. The weather has already caused severe damage to farmland and infrastructure.

Christian ministries are working to bring emergency supplies to help those in desperate need. Samaritan's Purse is among the early responders. The U.S. State

Department has allocated \$900,000 to American organizations to deliver

flood relief to the country. Samaritan's Purse is matching the U.S. government's grant, bringing the total amount of assistance to at least

\$1.8 million. The organization will be providing relief items including blankets, temporary shelter materials and hygiene supplies to

meet the critical needs of flood victims in North Korea. Staff members

will travel to DPRK to monitor the delivery of this assistance.

"When I was in North Korea in May, I saw the country's increasingly dire needs," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "The recent flooding has made this situation even more acute. I'm

very

pleased that the United States government is separating
political

differences from humanitarian need. People are people. God
made and

created each and every one of us. The Bible teaches us that
those who

have much should share with those who have little.”