True Father Departs Pyongyang, North Korea for South Korea

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The North-South Korean border during the Korean War

True Father's ministry to North Korea, which began in June 1946, ended on December 2, 1950, when he left Pyongyang for the South in advance of the invading Chinese army. He departed with Won Pil Kim, his "first disciple," and Jung Hwa Park [Chung Hwa Pak], a follower from the Hungnam prison camp who had a broken leg and whom True Father alternately carried and pushed on a bicycle on the route south.

True Father had been released from Hungnam on October 14, spent ten days walking to Pyongyang and forty days there seeking former followers, most of whom he didn't find. Won Pil Kim testified, "As we left Pyongyang ... the city seemed to be totally on fire because of the many secret, confidential documents being burned. As Father looked around, he cried to see the condition of Pyongyang." True Father previously had told them, "I came to make Pyongyang the second Jerusalem, but it rejected me and sent me to prison."