



Innovative Energy for Asia

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MV's Asian Adventures

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TOWERS AWAIT TURBINES

Our team is gearing up for a busy spring and summer. To erect the turbines and make all the electrical connections requires a lot of preparation. We have run into a couple of issues that affect our time schedule. They are totally out of our control but this seems to be the "M.O." for our project. In particular they are the transmission lines being laid. This is supposed to start in March but no concrete completion date. Our counterparts are having a difficult time coming up with the funds to purchase the necessary supplies.

The second hindrance is that the bridge we cross into NK will be under repair for 3 ½ months. No vehicles can cross; we can only walk across during the lunch time hours when the construction workers are on break. During this 3 ½ month period we want to erect the turbines but we need a 55-ton crane to do that. We are in a quandary now as to how we can pull this off but we know who is in control and we can have confidence in Him.

Right now I am putting together a comprehensive maintenance plan. It has to be very detailed and cover the first year of operation for the turbines. We will hire a couple of local NK guys to be our tech staff for operation and maintenance and so we need to train them as well. Therefore we are also putting together a training plan. I have to be pretty knowledgeable about the parts and supplies needed to keep the turbines running, so I am doing a lot of research right now.

I took my first trip in to NK last week after having been absent for 8 months. I was so excited to go in after being away for so long. Things were exactly the same as when I left. I wanted to give everyone a hug but that's not very cool to do there, so I just had to imagine I was giving them hugs. It was also the first trip in for my team leader in a few months. So we caught up on all the happenings with our staff, the office, the situation inside, etc.



My team leader and his wife were granted their residence cards to live in NK. Mine was not granted. The government has a policy of discrimination against people with white skin, especially Americans. It was actually pretty hard to accept the situation when I came face to face with

Praises For

- the breakthrough of spring
- our trip into NK and for the receipt of residence cards for my team leader and his wife
- intimate times with Father
- new friends and acquaintances that I meet on the bus and around town

Prayer For

- the people and government of NK
- continued discipline in language learning
- our NK counterparts trying to install the transmission line
- the bridge situation
- our wind power team and the work that lies ahead
- financial provision

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