



Innovative Energy for Asia

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MV's Asian Adventures

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WE STARTED!!!



I have been running almost non-stop in China and across the river in North Korea. On the China side we were busy purchasing concrete mixers and concrete vibrators, rebar benders, wheelbarrows, buckets and all kinds of supplies and materials. I arranged all the transportation for the supplies from China to NK. I was in and out a couple of times delivering truckloads of supplies and laying the foundations for the turbines.

We taught our NK partner construction company how to prepare 16 huge pits for foundations, build rebar cages to place in the pits and installed the large anchor bolts in just the exact position in each pit. This prep work alone took a day and a half. Then we were ready to pour the first foundation.



The towers of the turbines are lattice with 4 legs. So we poured a foundation for each leg which means we laid 16 foundations. For the foundation work, we had an expert come who has worked on wind projects in the U.S. for several years. In the first afternoon we poured 2 foundations. As we all got the hang of the concrete mixing, pouring, vibrating and smoothing process, the work went faster...up to 5 foundations on some days.

The long days started by 7:00 each morning with more than an hour drive to get to our mountain and we finished each evening by 6:00. The wind and sun were so strong I got wind and sun burn, not to mention the blowing sand, dirt and cement. I came back to the hotel each night plastered with all kinds of junk in my hair, in my eyes and on my clothes but it was sooooo much fun.

The construction workers as well as our local staff on the mountain all worked really hard. There is great camaraderie among the locals. They work really well together and they look out for each other. We were able to spoil them with pork, candy, cookies, new winter jackets and just plain old showing concern and love for them. Working side by side in manual labor brought us closer together. To say the least, I was tired. I was on my feet for 10 days straight with only one day to rest.

I came home to a busted water pipe in my bathroom, but with just a switch of a handle the water was turned off until the next morning when my landlord came to replace the pipe. The government-supplied heat at my apartment was also on which was very nice. After a short break in Singapore, we will jump back into a full schedule of activities. We are working on electrical connections and hook ups and preparing for the arrival of the towers. As soon as they arrive, we will erect them. SO EXCITING!!!

Praises

- For securing a US export license;
- For a safe and smooth completion of laying the foundations;
- For the perfect weather conditions we had;
- For the free flowing love and joy that is available to us;
- For our righteous and just King.

Prayer

- For finishing touches on towers and timely shipment;
- For speedy refurbishing of the nacelles;
- For our NK counterparts in trying to fulfill their commitment to installing the transmission line;
- For each team member's resident card application to be submitted this week to Pyongyang;
- For a safe, fruitful and restful trip to Singapore.

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