

As we look back at the year 2010, we're once again amazed at how faithful God is in meeting the needs of the children we serve in North Korea beyond our expectation. With new donors and volunteers partnering with First Steps and existing donors continuing to provide support, First Steps witnessed thousands of children and mothers getting healthier on each trip to North Korea.

However, we also saw the tragic effects after a typhoon hit the east coast around Wonsan in August. Roofs of two orphanages we serve were badly damaged resulting in extensive leaking and many crops were destroyed. No more soybean and vegetable crops could be harvested, making the winter exceedingly difficult for the children with widespread food shortages.

Despite many difficulties, our soymilk program continued to work well, providing more than 80,000 children daily with a cup of soymilk.

Overall, we were able to send:

- 400 metric tonnes of soybeans, which was processed into more than 14 million cups of soymilk
- 10 new VitaCow soymilk-making machines
- 1.5 million sachets of the micronutrient Sprinkles
- In-kind gifts including essential medicines and baby formula for infants in orphanages.
- 200 stainless-steel milk cans
- More than 1,300 hand-knitted scarves sponsored by Sharons Credit Union.

Furthermore, FS started one new soymilk production site in 2010 and now has a total of 23 sites.

Sprinkles

DPRK's Institute of Child Nutrition has now become more involved with the Sprinkles program, distributing printed educational materials to pregnant women, posting Sprinkles posters at medical clinics, as well as producing an instructional video about Sprinkles. As of 2010, 35,000 children aged 6 to 24 months, and 37,000 pregnant women and nursing mothers were receiving Sprinkles.

Site Visits

On our spring site visit, FS executive director Susan Ritchie was accompanied by Terry Martin and David Thomas, both long-time FS supporters, as well as John Cuddeford, First Steps part-time program director.

- Confirmed the delivery of 200 metric tonnes of soybeans and the arrival of 10 new VitaCows.
- Reviewed distribution of Sprinkles education materials such as posters and brochures given to pregnant mothers.

On our autumn site visit, Susan Ritchie travelled with FS supporters Hannah Visser and Trevor Todd.

- Confirmed the arrival of 100 metric tonnes of soybeans and distribution of 1.5 million sachets of Sprinkles.
- Visited Nampo and Kangwon province production sites, kindergartens, and some of the medical clinics that distribute Sprinkles.

On our winter site visit, Susan Ritchie was joined by FS donor Kelly Sheehan, TWU student Craig Ketchum and Susan's son, Sam Ross.

- Confirmed the delivery and distribution of 40 metric tonnes of soybeans
- Reviewed the Sprinkles education video made by the Institute of Child Nutrition
- Hand-delivered in-kind gifts including essential medicines, baby formula for infants in orphanages, as well as scarves for the children.

Charity Events

- William Kim and Friends Clarinet Benefit Concert
- Warm Scarves for Cold Children in North Korea

Gift Matching Challenge

- FS sponsored its fourth annual First Steps gift matching challenge.
- The gift was matched up to a total of \$70,000 by November, 2010.

First Steps 2010 Expenditures

- General & Administration 8%: \$50,140
- Fundraising 2%: \$12,517

- Programs 90%: \$553,983

First Steps 2010 Revenue

- \$552,712.15

First Steps Board of Directors

- Eunice (Yusoon) Oh
- Susan Ritchie
- Andrea Rose
- Phil Schafran

First Steps Office

- Elinor Han - Office Administrator
- Chloe Lee – Administrator assistant