

## The Mayflower Church Update

This small congregation fled China's cruel persecution in late 2019 and are still holding up in South Korea. All 60 of them have been in the Korean court system filing multiple times for asylum and each time they have been rejected. We received word Thanksgiving Day that two of the sixteen families will face a final court appearance January 12, 2022. We understand a decision will be rendered a few weeks later and that they should expect to be denied again and forced to leave Korea. We have been working with the US State Department and are told they will step in if they are in danger of being forced back to China. FSI is preparing to resettle the 60 to Texas when that time comes.

Recently, their Pastor shared that China took threatening actions against family members still in China, because their family was a part of the Reformed Holy Church (we call The Mayflower) who fled China.

### Threatening Actions Taken:

This December several Mayflower relatives still in China were summoned to police stations and threatened. The relatives all received similar threatening messages:

1. They were told that high level Chinese government offices had issued official documentation regarding The Mayflower Church's action to flee China. They claim that this action, along with applying for asylum, was slanderous against China and considered an act of treason.
2. The Pastor of the church was to be stopped in "this treasonous crime" and bring the congregation back to China quickly. China lied and told the relatives that the United States would not accept them.
3. The relatives were threatened that neither they, nor The Mayflower Church, should give interviews to foreign media nor speak badly of China. As family members, they were to advise their loved ones to return to China.

The Pastor has said he will share these threats made by China with the American Consular General coming to see The Mayflower on Dec. 21st, 2021. Please pray for that meeting.