

North Korean Martyrs  
Cartoon Series



# Those Who Returned to North Korea

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When I first met Teacher Luke,  
he was the youngest at 21 years old  
and also the shortest in height





Young Teacher Luke did not fully understand the weight of changing names and treated it as a joke. Yet, that was when we started calling him 'Luke.'

He was immature at first, but since receiving the Holy Spirit through Bible reading and prayer, Teacher Luke changed.



He did not shout slogans or shake his fist like other North Korean teachers. He simply preached calmly, but his words had depth and a compelling power that stirred people's hearts.





**Stay still!**

A black and white comic panel showing a man in a dark jacket (Teacher Luke) being confronted by two police officers in uniform. One officer is shouting 'Stay still!' in a jagged speech bubble. The background has vertical lines suggesting a wall or fence.

But one day, Teacher Luke was caught by the police and sent back to North Korea.




**This bastard!!**

A black and white comic panel showing a police officer in uniform swinging a club at Teacher Luke, who is on the ground. The officer has a determined, angry expression. The background has diagonal lines suggesting motion or a wall.

Beaten with a club and tortured

A high-ranking bowibu official interrogated Teacher Luke. Because of his young and innocent appearance, the interrogation ended at a moderate level and proceeded with the investigation.



**You better tell the truth!!!**

A black and white comic panel showing a man in a dark jacket (Teacher Luke) sitting at a desk, looking distressed. A high-ranking official in a dark uniform is sitting across from him, looking stern. The official is shouting 'You better tell the truth!!!' in a jagged speech bubble. There are papers on the desk.

After losing his parents at a young age, Teacher Luke roamed as a homeless orphan before crossing into China, where he discovered a Bible study group. He went on to share the story of how he came to believe Jesus Christ.



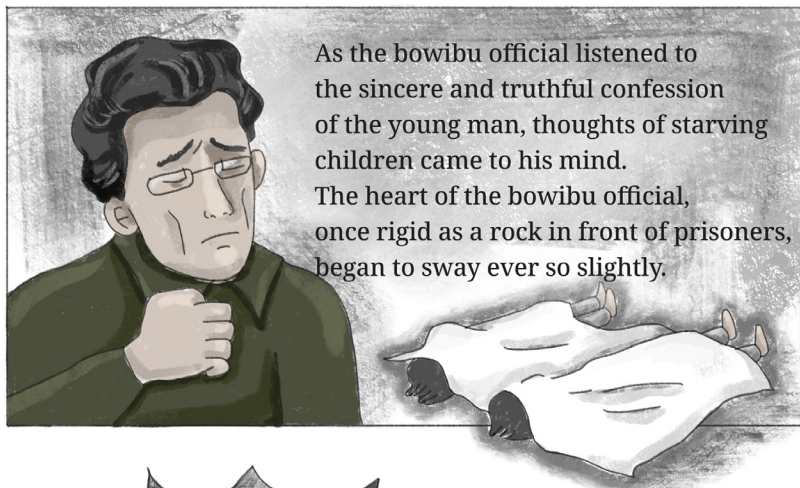
***I have been recruiting North Korean defectors to teach them the Bible and prepare to enter South Korea. That didn't go well, resulting in being sent back to North Korea.***

***Hm...***

While many others made excuse and lie, claiming to have joined Christian communities for the sake of survival, young Teacher Luke told his story honestly without any pretense.



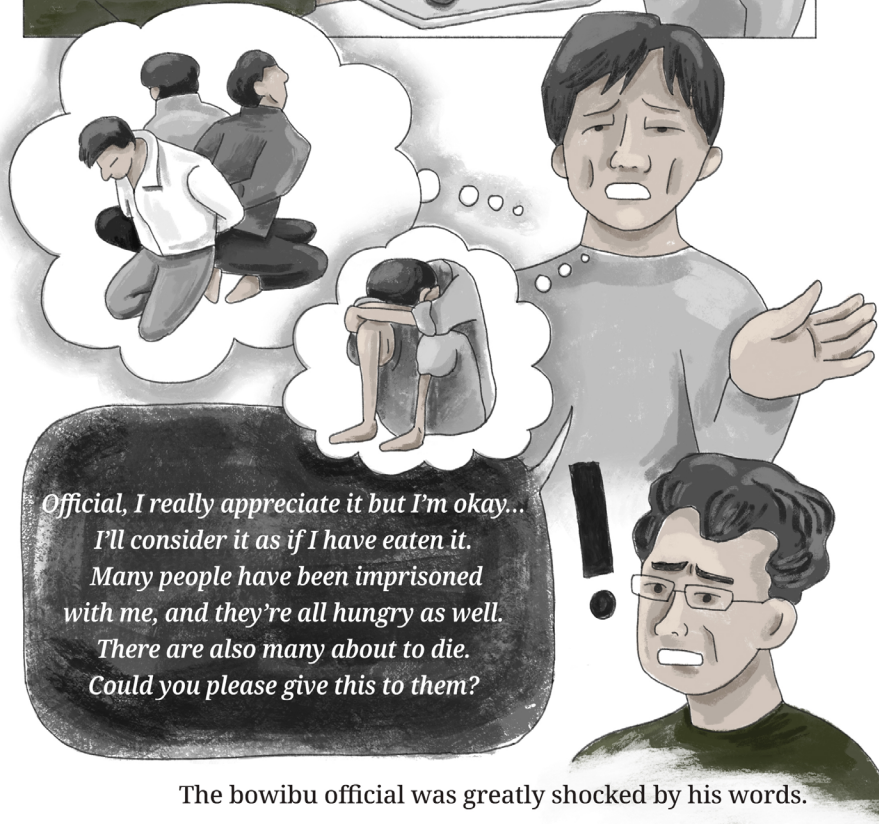




As the bowibu official listened to the sincere and truthful confession of the young man, thoughts of starving children came to his mind. The heart of the bowibu official, once rigid as a rock in front of prisoners, began to sway ever so slightly.

*Official, our country is so poor and starving because we serve Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il as god. Our people need to believe in Jesus Christ. That is how we can live well. We will all face judgement at the end of our lives!!*





The bowibu official was greatly shocked by his words.

Everyone he had seen so far would shout and fight each other for more food.

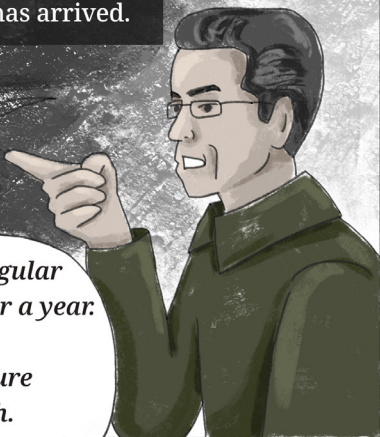


The day of Teacher Luke's trial has arrived.

*Do not ever mention believing in Jesus once at the trial.*

*Then you will end up in a regular prison. Go there and endure for a year.*

*I will send someone to bring you food to make sure you don't starve to death. Endure and leave the prison.*

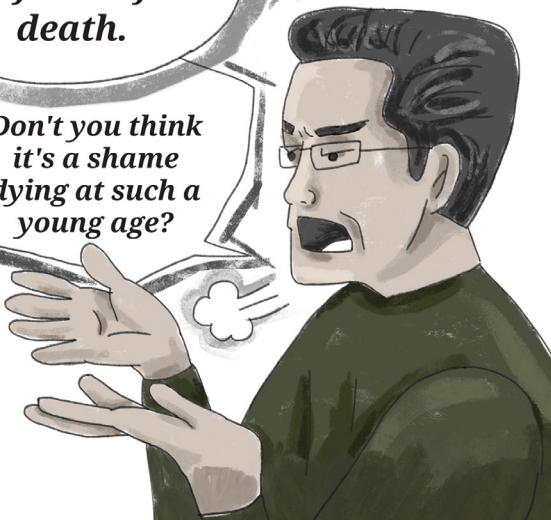


The official wanted to save Luke to the best of his abilities and so he assured him.

But Teacher Luke calmly replied,

*I'm not afraid of death.*

*Don't you think it's a shame dying at such a young age?*



Luke answered with a smile,

*I will meet God  
when I go to the Heavens.  
This makes me joyful.*

*The world we see  
with our eyes is not everything.  
Please, believe in Jesus.  
And please spread the gospel  
to others for me instead  
since my time here is over.  
And make sure many others  
receive salvation.*

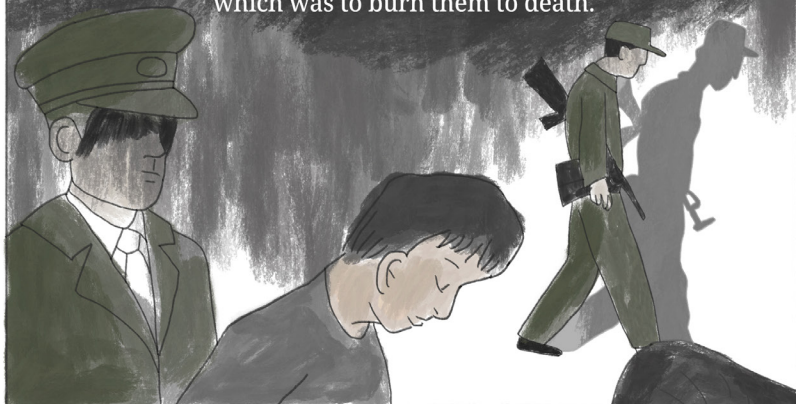


*I'll meet you again  
in heaven*

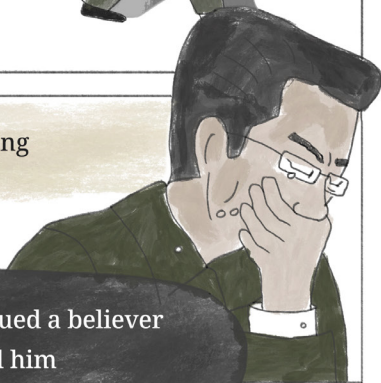


And Teacher Luke was executed at a political prison right away.

Chongjin Concentration Camp is infamous for the way of execution, which was to burn them to death.



And the official cried after receiving the news that Luke was executed.



After a while, the official rescued a believer in prison and helped him defect to China and finally to South Korea.



As he wrote in his last letter leaving the ministry home,  
he kept his promise with his death.

Dear Teacher who is a true disciple of  
our holy God,

I trust the future is near. I can see that  
the Holy Spirit is working even in North Korea  
and I hear praises rising to the Kingdom of God.  
And I pray wherever and whenever I go,  
just as I am washed in His precious blood,  
I will live as a faithful servant of Jesus.  
In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Best Regards,  
May 14th, 2001  
Kim Luke

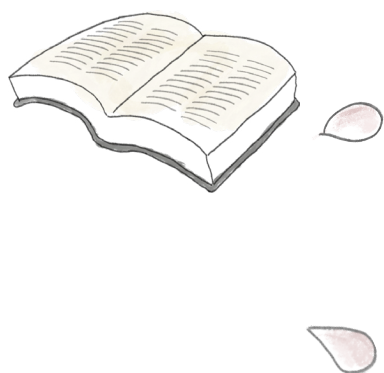














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