

# ANSHAN 鞍山

With a total population approaching two million people, Anshan City is located in the central part of Liaoning Province in northeast China, south of the provincial capital Shenyang.

Anshan is actually divided into two official administrative units. The city area itself contains 1.48 million people, while the Jiupu District of Anshan City is home to an additional 460,000 inhabitants. Anshan contains members of the Manchu, Hui, Korean and Mongol nationalities, in addition to the majority Han Chinese. Liaoyang is situated not far from the large cities of Haicheng (1.3 million) to the south and Liaoyang (850,000) to the north.

**Population:**  
1,442,200 (1990)  
1,938,200 (2000)  
2,604,700 (2010)

**Province:**  
Liaoning

## Major Ethnic Groups:

Han 96.4%  
Manchu 1.8%  
Hui 0.9%  
Korean 0.7%

**Christians:**  
17,500 (0.9%)

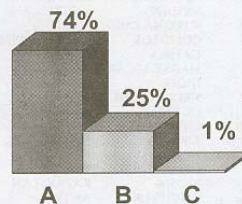
enjoy nearly the same industrial output as Shanghai. Winters in Anshan can be particularly severe, with temperatures plummeting to around -25°C (-13°F).

Anshan has seen numerous different governments rule it over the centuries. The Manchu leaders used the area as its second capital during the Ming Dynasty of the 17th and 18th centuries. In the early 1900's Russian troops occupied Shenyang and influenced Anshan. The Japanese took control in 1931, followed in quick succession by the Russians in 1945, the Kuomintang in 1946, and the Chinese Communist Party in 1948.

Although historical records show Anshan was first founded in 110 BC, it remained a fairly small town until a few decades ago, when an economic boom revolving around the steel mills got underway in the city. Buildings seem to be continually added to the city skyline. In 1990, more than 77,000 people in Anshan were employed in the construction industry. Anshan has a nickname of 'the steel giant of the northeast'. This city was chosen as a virtual steel-producing satellite city for nearby Shenyang. The city of Fushun east of Shenyang is called the 'coal capital'. Almost all of the steel produced in Anshan is immediately dispatched to Shenyang, helping that city



## Status of Evangelization (Awareness of Christ and the Gospel)



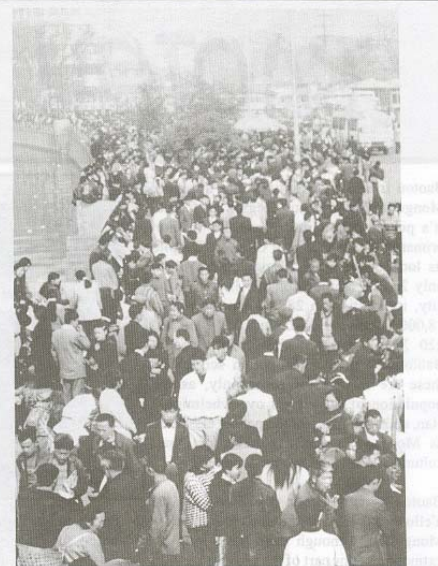
A = have never heard the Gospel or the name of Christ  
B = were evangelized but have not yet become Christians  
C = Adherents to any form of Christianity

Because of its reputation as a somewhat polluted industrial city, not many tourists travel to Anshan, although the picturesque Qian Mountains are located just 17 km (11 miles) south-east

of the city. The mountains are renowned for their spectacular peaks, interesting rock formations, ancient temples, huge Buddha statues, and colorful flowers.

The Buddhist and Daoist temples and pagodas in the Qian Mountains were first constructed during the Northern Wei Dynasty (386-534 AD). This was the time when Buddhism flourished in China. Scattered throughout the Qian Mountains are more than twenty monasteries, temples, convents and palaces. Many people still come from all over China to

pray and seek inner peace. The Qian Mountains are therefore a strategic location for Christian prayer and intercession teams to encounter the spiritual forces that have conspired to keep the people of the region ignorant of Christ's saving grace for countless centuries.



Crowds of people out for a Sunday walk. Anshan has been under the control of numerous kings and emperors throughout its history, but few people have ever submitted to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

## Pray for Anshan

- 1 Thank God for the revival among the Koreans in northeast China. Pray they will be able to take the Gospel across ethnic lines to the Han and other people groups throughout this needy region.
- 2 Ask the Holy Spirit to baptize the small number of believers in Anshan with fire, sending them out as bold and faith-filled warriors for Him.
- 3 Pray all people in Anshan would soon have the opportunity to hear the Gospel for the first time.

## Overview of Anshan

Pronunciation : "Ah-n-shahn"  
Old Spelling : An-shan  
Location : Liaoning Province, northeast China  
Population : 1,442,220 (1990 census)  
Males : 735,065 (50.97%)  
Females : 707,155 (49.03%)  
Households : 413,610  
Average household : 3.48 people  
Divorced people : 11,392  
% of population : 0.79%  
Centurions (1990) : 9 people aged 100 or more  
Immigrants to City : 12,786 per year  
From same province : 8,959 (70.1%)  
From other provinces : 3,824 (29.9%)

Employed people : 851,524 (59.0% of total population)  
Main Industries : Industrial 54.9%; Professional 13.2%; Construction 9%  
Educational : University: 2.0%  
Attainment : High School: 65.4%  
Primary School: 23.1%  
Never attended any level of school: 9.5%  
Population under 15 : 20.1%  
Adult Literacy : 92% (men 96%; women 88%)  
Major Nationalities : Han 1,390,792  
Manchu 25,969  
Hui 13,521  
Korean 9,495  
Mongol 1,487  
Others (22 groups): 956  
Christians : 17,500 (0.9%)