

In his own words

"A North Korean prison camp is like hell. It's impossible to count the number of people who tried to escape and were executed.

"Where was God? Wasn't He looking out for them? Was it just their misfortune to be in a North Korean prison camp? Is it because North Korea forbids religion? Why?"

-Shin Dong Hyuk, author of "I was a Political Prisoner at Birth in North Korea"



You too can make a difference!

For more information on how you can get involved, see our website: www.NorthKoreanRefugees.com

For fundraising / corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at the address below.

Together we can make a difference! Let us stop talking and start doing.

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"Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity."

-Herbert Hoover, former U.S. President

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A Dangerous Journey

This year, many North Koreans will make the treacherous journey across the Tumen River and into China, fleeing starvation and oppression in their homeland.

Once in China, the majority of the women and girls will be sold as “brides” or otherwise sexually exploited and abused.

And if these desperate refugees are discovered by the Chinese authorities, they will be forced to go back to North Korea, where they may face prison camps and possibly even execution.

These North Korean refugees are not criminals. They seek what every human being is entitled to: a life of dignity.

Meanwhile, the North Korean regime continues to oppress its people even as it lets them starve, and the Chinese government continues to flout international refugee law. North Korean refugees desperately need the help of the international community.



North Korean orphans in a Laos prison

Life Funds for North Korean Refugees (LFNKR)

Life Funds for North Korean refugees was founded in 1998 as a Japanese Non-Profit Organization providing vital assistance to North Korean refugees. Our activities helping North Korean refugees have since expanded, and include the following:

- Providing refugees with food, clothing, and medicine;
- Working with our networks in China to provide refugees with shelter;
- Assisting refugees in China and Russia, who are in grave danger, to enter a third country safely;
- Providing assistance with school fees and supplies to children born of a North Korean mother and Chinese father through our Education Sponsorship Program; (these children have no Chinese citizenship, and few rights)
- Advocating for vulnerable refugees and calling for their treatment as refugees according to the International Convention on the Status of Refugees;
- Providing support and assistance to refugees who have settled in Japan.
- Operating an English language website providing North Korean refugee news and information (NorthKoreanRefugees.com)