



# | People Over Politics

# LiNK: Liberty in North Korea

## What is LiNK?

LiNK is a non-profit organization aimed to not only help refugees get out of and relocate from North Korea, but to help bring awareness of the situation by focusing on the people whom live in the country.

There is a headquarters in California, but chapters all around the world to help raise money and awareness. The main motto is *people over politics*.

## What does LiNK do?

LiNK rescue teams raise money through different fundraising activities such as food events, entertainment events, etc.

LiNK also promotes the awareness of the conditions the North Korean people have to go through. This is done through events such as hosting North Korean refugee speakers, as well as informational events such as these.

Some rescue teams also directly aid North Korean defectors by helping relocate either in America, South Korea, or Southeast Asia. They also may be helping on the "Underground Railroad" by helping transport defectors through China and other checkpoints.

**CORE  
CLASS**

**OPPORTUNITY**

**WAIVERING  
CLASS**

**HOSTILE  
CLASS**

“

If I get caught, I would be sent back to North Korea, and either get beaten to death or imprisoned for life.”

-Min Sung

# The Journey

<https://www.libertyinnorthkorea.org/rescue-refugees/>

China is not safe: North Koreans are at risk, especially women and children, of exploitation.

The journey takes about 3,000 miles

Relocation: SE Asia, SK, USA

About 3000 to fund one refugee's trip



# \$3,000, distributed

## Basic Needs



Funds to provide food, clothing, and other necessities during their journey to safety.

## Transportation



The cost to transport the refugee, partners, and staff during the 3,000-mile journey.

## Accommodation



The cost to provide shelter for the refugee and our staff along the journey.

## Rescue Fees



This includes all costs for fines, fees, and the network of partners and staff in the underground to bring the refugee to safety.

## Contingency

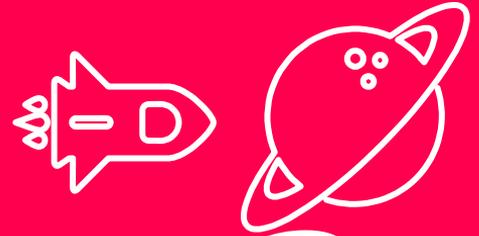


Funds set aside for emergencies and unforeseen expenses on the journey. Any unused amount is rolled into the budget for another rescue.

## Resettlement A&E



Funds to help resettled North Koreans reach their full potential through our Resettlement Assistance and Empowerment Programs



# Why refugees?

“North Korean refugees have emerged as the most effective agents of change on this issue”

<https://youtu.be/eJNbH6tR3qU>

# The refugees

## “Before”

North Korea has an estimated of five political camps still in effect

25% of children in North Korea are chronically malnourished

3 generation punishment

Public executions

## “After”

Jangmadang Generation

Refugees send an estimated \$10-15 million back home

Helping awareness, helping LiNK

# 939

Is the number of refugees rescued thus far through LiNK

# 400

Is the number of refugees who have been resettled through LiNK

(368 have been resettled in South Korea, 32 in the United States, and 10 Community Gatherings)

# 70,000

Is the number of people who have donated, volunteered, hosted events at schools, or participated in events about North Korea through LiNK



# Thanks!!

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videos/the-peoples-crisis/](https://www.libertyinnorthkorea.org/videos/the-peoples-crisis/)