

1. Kim Ji-hyon, 22 years old from North Hamgyong Province

I defected to China in 20XX with my mother. When we arrived at XXXX in China, we were caught by human traffickers and detained at a house. About a week later, they took us to an unknown location after about 10 hours' travel by train and turned us to a Chinese there before they left us. The Chinese was a landlord of a herb farm. My mother worked there as a house maid as well as farmer. I could go to school but my mother lived like a forced wife. One day in the winter of 20XX, my mother was trapped under a collapsed vinyl house that was crushed by heavy snow. She had been hospitalized for 3 months when she died at the hospital. My mother's death caused me to be sent me to a missionary in China who raised and gave me education. Now, I am grown-up but I cannot continue my education or find job because of my undocumented status in China. Now, I have learned that my only chance of a decent life is to go to South Korea. I want to develop my career and be a useful worker for the reunification of my country.

2. Chang Sang-hi, 22 years old from North Hamgyong Province

I defected to China in 20XX with my cousin. I followed her because she already experienced forced repatriation and knew how to avoid the arrest by the Chinese police and to find job in China. My family in North Korea was very poor but my mother worked hard to feed me even though she was weak. My father was a drunkard and drifted around. I seldom saw him as a child. This is why I wanted to make money in China to help my mother with her medical expenses. The job I found with my cousin was a factory of drying and packing fish from Russia. The fish (Pollack) was wet and needed some 3 months' time for drying. When it is dry, we pounded it to make it soft and cut it open before packing. We needed to work hard all day long but we were fed well and

received wages. Our wage was to be 1,000 Chinese Yuan (approx. US\$ 180) but they paid us only 300 Yuan delaying the payment of 700 Yuan every month. After a year, the total amount of wage in arrear was a total of 16,800 Yuan for both of us. When my cousin made a strong demand for the wage, the landlord call the Chinese police to report us as North Koreans. We had to hurriedly run away leaving our belongings. My cousin left me with a Christian of XXXX church and went away to a larger city to make money. I was a house maid at the Christian family, waiting for good news from my cousin. I was able to study and read the Bible and I am so happy now that I have met Jesus Christ in my life. I want to bring my mother to South Korea and find my cousin to bring her to South Korea. Thank you for helping me lead a life of decency.

3. Seong Mi-na, 20 years old from Yanggang Province

My parents died when I was a little child and I was raised at the Orphanage #4 of Yanggang Province. I have no memory of my parents. The life in the orphanage was so tiring and I was so hungry that I defected to XXXX city in China with my friends in 20XX. We had been begging for food in the Chinese market place when, one day, a Korean-Chinese Christian took us to a Christian missionary.

There, it was wonderful to have good food, learn how to read and write and study the Bible and such a comfortable place for sleep under the protection of the missionary. Now, I am grown-up and I want to make decisions myself for my life and be independent. Thank you so much for your assistance!

4. You, Hyon-son, 19 years old from XXXX District, Yanggang Province.

My parents were divorced and I stayed with my father. My father often left me with my mother and came to collect me after several months or so. My grandmother loved me very much but she died in 20XX. So, I was sent to the Orphanage #4 of Yanggang Province. One day in 20XX, I defected to China with Seong Mi-na. In China, a kind

Korean-Chinese Christian took us to a Christian missionary who gave us good protection, education and good life. I am now grown up and I can stay with him no longer. It is my great joy and dream today that I am given a citizenship, study at a college and have a decent job in South Korea. I am so grateful to receive your help so that I can go to South Korea.

5. Ri, Ji-yong, 19 years old from North Hamgyong Province.

I defected to China in May, 20XX, with my mother. But we were arrested in China, repatriated to North Korea and I had a most difficult time for 6 months at a labor training camp while my mother was sentenced to a prison term. My mother was sent to Chonggori prison. My father had died of heart disease when I was a little girl and most of the time I stayed home alone. I could no longer stay alone and I needed money to bribe North Korean officials to shorten my mother's prison term. So, I defected to China for the second time in February 20XX. I remembered my mother who told me to go to a Christian church in China for help and, in China, I began to search a Christian church. This is how I met the missionary. Now, I trust that it is God's plan that I was born in North Korea, defected to China and am now prepared to go to South Korea. I need to earn money in South Korea so that I can expedite the release of my mother and bring her to South Korea. Thank you!

6. Paek Yong-hwa, 17 years old North Hamgyong Province.

I defected to the city of XXXX in China on 29 November, 20XX, with my mother. However, we were captured by human traffickers who took us to XXXX. On the way to XXXX from XXXX, we needed to walk over a mountain to avoid the Chinese police check-point. It was very cold and there was a lot of snow up in the mountain. My hours of drifting up in the mountains in such cold weather caused one of my legs frostbitten. Inadequate medical treatment in Jilin Province made my leg swell and blister. I was unable to walk. The human traffickers abandoned me at the door of a house on the way

and went away with my mother. It was the house of a Korean-Chinese Christian. With the help of the Christian, I was able to reach a South Korean mission home where medical treatment was provided and two frostbitten toes were amputated. I was very happy when I learned that I could save the other toes when I could have lost my life or at the least my entire foot so badly affected by frostbite. I thank God. I will never forget the medical emergency care that treated my frostbite and I want to be someone helping others like me in future, even as a doctor if I am able to succeed in that kind of study. Thank you.