Stefanus Alliance International (SAI), or Stefanusalliansen in Norwegian, is a Christian missions and human rights organisation focusing on freedom of religion or belief, as expressed in §18 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

SAI was established in 1967 as Mission Behind the Iron Curtain (Misjon bak Jerntepet). The name was later changed to the current one, named after the first Christian martyr.

SAI provides support, care, and practical help for churches and individuals who are persecuted or oppressed because of their beliefs. The projects are always carried out in close cooperation with local partners in each country and area.

By putting pressure on totalitarian regimes, and by challenging individuals to write letters of appeal, SAI advocates on behalf of those who have had their religious rights violated. SAI also facilitates a large multi-denominational prayer network.

SAI is based in Oslo, Norway, with Ed Brown as Secretary General, and supports projects in these countries and areas: Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey, North Korea, Russia, Central Asia, Vietnam, Myanmar, The Arabian Peninsula, and Iran.

Director Thea Elisabeth Haavet has been working in national TV since 1995. As SAI’s own film- and development producer (2014-2019), she has travelled the world with a camera, as a one-person-crew, and filmed the stories of the persecuted in places like Iraq, Syria, Pakistan and Korea.

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"We were so close to death. My mother and I huddled together to preserve warmth."

In this equally important and heartbreaking documentary, ‘Andy’ tells the horrifying story about how he and his mother, ‘Minji’, managed to escape from North Korea, and later from China. They received crucial help from courageous people who are willing to put their own lives at risk, to help desperate refugees.

"SAVED – Escape from Kim’s regime" is a movie about the refugees and the rescuers, a powerful story about human despair - and hope. As ‘Minji’ says:

"I thought we were going to die ... I think God helped us."

Helping Hands Korea is a Christian NGO based on the Korean Peninsula that has assisted North Koreans in crisis since 1996.

Established in Seoul by Tim and Sunmi Peters, HHK has partnered with individuals and organizations in South Korea and around the world that share a sense of urgency for vulnerable sectors of the population within North Korea as well as escapees, those who have fled the ruling Kim-family tyranny in the North. Helping Hands Korea and Stefanus Alliance International have been partners for 15 years.

North Korean escapees in China may face particularly dangerous and life-threatening consequences if arrested and repatriated to the DPRK. Punishments include extended prison camp detention, torture, forced abortion and public execution in extreme cases.

HHK provides logistical support to escapees in China along the so called ‘underground railroad’ to guide them to safe havens in neighboring countries.

HHK also endeavors to deliver food, medicine, and clothing to the most vulnerable sectors of the North Korean society, especially orphans in impoverished areas, the handicapped, the elderly as well as persecuted Christians. Food aid since 1996 has included vegetable seeds (as seen in the movie), rice biscuits, rice cakes, bread rolls, corn, flour and dehydrated one-pot meals.

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