

Report and Acknowledgements for 2nd Annual Save North Korean Refugees Day

We wish to express our deepest thanks for all who made our 2nd Annual Save North Korean Refugees Day a tremendous success.

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Congressional Hearing Entitled “Escaping North Korea - The Plight of Defectors: Thank you to **Congressmen James P. McGovern** and **Frank Wolf**, Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and for **Congressmen Ed Royce** for chairing the hearing and providing a powerful opening presentation and to **Congressmen Chris Smith** and **Joseph R. Pitts** for their eloquent testimonies on these issues. We deeply appreciate the Congressional staff who arranged the hearing, **Hans Hogrefe** and **Elizabeth Hoffman**, and those that ensured its impact **Young Kim** and **Galinda Russell**.



Hearing Witnesses: Thank you to **Carl Gershman**, President of the National Endowment for Democracy, for his testimony about the importance of empowering the North Korea defectors; and those who testified as eyewitnesses about the trafficking of North Korean women and the plight of refugees in China: Mrs. **Sujin Kang**, Director, Coalition for North Korean Women’s Rights and Mrs. **Mi Sun Bahng**, Ms. **Jinhye Jo** and **Steve Kim** of 318 Partners. Thank you to **James Victory** for providing simultaneous translation for the defector witnesses which enabled them have more time to testify and to **Alpha Relief** and **Lisa Colacurcio** for making it possible for Mrs. Kang and Mrs. Bahng to be able to travel from Korea for these events.



Department of State: Thank you to Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights Issues, **Ambassador Robert King** and Ambassador-at-Large Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, **Ambassador Luis CdeBaca**; and Ms. **Jamie Oberlander** for the meeting with the Congressional witnesses and the excellent questions on how to help rescue these women from exploitation and to prevent this on-going tragedy.



Press Conference and Protest at the Chinese Embassy: Thank you to the speakers who included our four Congressional witnesses and to the volunteers for the reading of THE LIST of the names of repatriated North Korean refugees: **Peter Kang, Linda Dye, Helen Lee, Hyun Song, Ana Jang and Steve Kim.** Thank you to **Ana Jang** for her assistance in updating THE LIST and to **Sue Kim** in preparing the Report on the current situation. Thank you to the **interns of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea** for being a part of the event and providing bottled water!



Benefit Concert to help the Rescuers of North Korean Refugees: Thank you to **Rev. Kwang Ho Yang** and **Fairfax Korean Church** for hosting the benefit concert. Thank you to **Henry Song** for coordinating the entire event. Associate Pastor **Kyue Cheon Cho** for help with the Audio/Video system and the congregation members of Fairfax Korean Church. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped before and during the event from everything from ushering, van service, and even babysitting: **Ana Jang, Jean Kim, Roxann Moss, Nancy Purcell, April Jang, Eric Kim, and Jennifer Yang.** Thank you for the Special Messages by **Pastor Heemoon Lee** and **Mr. Steve Kim.**



We especially express our deep thanks for the awesome performers who gave of their time and talent:

Our opening act

Mrs. **Ma Young Ae** performing 'Arirang'

Our classical musicians:

Ms. **Hyunah Yu**, Soprano;

Professor **Hyunsook Park**, Piano;

Ms. **Soo Bae**, Cello;

Dr. **Jason Suh**, Guitar;

Our Alternative Rock Performers:

Erin Weston and 'Left On Vermont': Eugene, Adriana, Ryan, Yuneng

Links to News Coverage:

** ENGLISH:

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing "Escaping North Korea - The Plight of Defectors: http://tlhrc.house.gov/hearing_notice.asp?id=1199 _

Washington Times article:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/sep/23/repatriation-policy-links-china-to-rights-violatio/>

CBN TV report and interview with Steve Kim of 318 Partners:

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2010/September/Lawmakers-Spotlight-NKorea-Sex-Trafficking/>

The Epoch Times:

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/43452/>

** KOREAN:

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing "Escaping North Korea - The Plight of Defectors:

YTN TV News Video

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_comm/pop_mov.php?s_mcd=0104&s_hcd=&key=201009240755287893

Accompanying article

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_ln/0104_201009240755287893

RFA (Radio Free Asia)

http://www.rfa.org/korean/in_focus/human_rights_defector/defector_women-09232010170616.html

http://www.rfa.org/korean/in_focus/human_rights_defector/human_trafficking-09142010172937.html

VOA (Voice Of America)

<http://www.voanews.com/korean/news/nk-human-rights-103707854.html>

Korea Times USA

<http://www.koreatimes.com/article/617991>

Yonhap News

<http://www.yonhapnews.co.kr/international/2010/09/24/0601080100AKR20100924013100071.HTML>

http://app.yonhapnews.co.kr/YNA/Basic/Article/ArticlePhoto/YIBW_showArticlePhotoPopup.aspx?contents_id=PYH20100924000900013

NewDaily

<http://www.newdaily.co.kr/news/article.html?no=57072>

Press Conference and Protest at the Chinese Embassy:

YTN TV News Video (Long version)

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_comm/pop_mov.php?s_mcd=0104&s_hcd=&key=201009251018523911

Accompanying article

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_ln/0104_201009251018523911

YTN TV News Video (Short version)

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_comm/pop_mov.php?s_mcd=0104&s_hcd=&key=201009250650342631

Accompanying article

http://www.ytn.co.kr/_ln/0104_201009250650342631

DC Christianity Daily

<http://dc.christianitydaily.com/view.htm?id=187251&code=mw>

The free evening benefit concert at Fairfax Korean Church:

DC Christianity Daily

<http://dc.christianitydaily.com/view.htm?id=187262&code=mw>

RFA

http://www.rfa.org/korean/in_focus/human_rights_defector/concert_nk-09252010194230.html



CBN TV



YTN TV (South Korea)