



# Joseph Kim

"Hope is personal. Hope is something that no one can give to you. You have to choose to believe in hope. You have to make it yourself."

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Ki Won

"The government didn't do anything to keep us alive and many people died of starvation. I had no choice but to leave in order to survive."

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# Min Sung

"The only thing I wanted...  
was to see the outside world."



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"There are only events of  
happiness left in my life.  
I will only think of my future  
goals from now on."

Sae Won

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A woman wearing a red chef's jacket and a black toque is working behind a glass display case. Her face is blurred. She is holding a white object, possibly a container or a piece of food, with her right hand. The background is dark and out of focus.

# Donna

"I don't know how to express my gratitude except to say thank you for caring about people like us."

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# Duk Jin

"LiNK must continue its work until the word 'North Korean refugee' no longer exists."

A man with dark hair, wearing a light grey long-sleeved shirt, is shown from the chest up. He is covering his eyes with both hands, but he is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. The background is a lush green, out-of-focus natural setting with various plants and leaves. The overall mood is one of joy and relief despite the gesture of covering his eyes.

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# Hyun Mi

"The most difficult part of escaping was thinking about NOT getting caught. Getting caught is the road to death."

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A woman with short, vibrant red hair is the central figure. She is wearing a simple, olive-green V-neck t-shirt. Her hands are raised to her face, with her palms pressed against her eyes, completely obscuring them. She has a slight, open-mouthed smile, showing her teeth. A thin, light-colored ring is visible on the ring finger of her left hand. The background is a dense, out-of-focus wall of green leaves and branches, suggesting a garden or forest setting. The lighting is natural and soft, coming from the front.

# Joon Hee

"When a siren used to go by in China, I would feel my heart seize up."

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# Jung Sook

"I have had bad things  
happen in my past but  
I don't think that will  
happen to me anymore"

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A photograph of a park scene with a man and a woman walking away from the camera on a paved path. The man is wearing a white t-shirt and blue shorts, and the woman is wearing a red and white striped dress. In the background, there are trees, a decorative light pole, and a person walking in the distance. Large, white, handwritten-style text is overlaid on the image.


I REALLY  
appreciate  
the FREEDOM  
that I HAVE HERE

- Brian



MY PERCEPTION  
OF  
AMERICA  
HAS  
CHANGED  
SO MUCH

- Hye Won

A woman with dark hair is shown from the chest up, covering her eyes with both hands. She has a slight smile on her face. She is wearing a bright blue t-shirt that features a red cherry graphic with a green stem and a small white tag. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. Overlaid on the image is a quote in white, handwritten-style text.

I have had bad  
things happen...

but I don't think  
that will happen  
to me anymore.

- Jung Sook

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a blue and white striped tank top and a gold chain necklace, is covering her eyes with both hands. She is standing in a lush green garden with large leaves in the background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*I want to live a completely*

*ordinary,*

*happy,*

*comfortable life.*

- Kyung Rim