

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
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I currently work at Liberty in North Korea - an international non-profit organization that works alongside the North Korean people. We believe that the North Korean people are the most effective agents of change on the North Korean issue and that they will achieve their own liberty in our lifetime. Our organization exists to support them through refugee rescues, post-resettlement support, and changing the narrative efforts to bring the focus away from Kim Jong Un and nuclear weapons back to the 25 million people living in North Korea.

I am the engagement coordinator at LiNK where I have the privilege of connecting with supporters all over the world to both increase awareness of our organization's work and encourage them to become more involved in their local communities. I work with a wide variety of people - school and community chapters called 'Rescue Teams' to donors that have been with us for several years - to create events, educational materials, and strategies to increase awareness and support for the North Korean people.

My time in South Korea through the Blum Initiative allowed me to gain the relevant experience I needed in order to land this position. Primarily, this came through the personal relationships with resettled North Koreans that I was able to build during my internship at the Future Foundation of Korea. Being able to spend that time with resettled North Koreans gave me unique insight into the issue and aligned me with LiNK's core values of supporting the North Korean people in their own journey to freedom. Moreover, the research paper I wrote throughout the internship gave me greater context into the issue, allowed me to work with primary documents published by South Korean scholars, and taught me the empowering language that is critical to the work we do at Liberty in North Korea.

I am deeply grateful for the Blum Initiative and the doors it opened long after I completed the internship in South Korea.

[Read more about Heajin \(Sarah\) Kim's experience as a 2015-16 Blum Initiative Service Learning Fellow with the Future Foundation of Korea](#)