



Equipping churches to welcome
newly-arrived refugee families with the love of Christ

What is Refugee Life Ministries?

Every year thousands of refugees arrive in Minnesota from all over the world. Some of these refugees know Jesus; others have never understood the truth of who he is – while still others have never heard of him at all. Refugee Life Ministries (RLM), a church-based ministry of Arrive Ministries, provides churches with an opportunity to welcome newly-arrived refugee families with the love of Christ. Church teams are equipped to love their refugee friends holistically as they build genuine friendships, help them adjust to life in the U.S., assist with practical needs, and share the good news of Jesus.

Not only do churches become part of God's transformative work in the lives of their refugee friends, but they also find that they too are changed as they engage in this kingdom work. The pastor of one church noted that being a part of Refugee Life Ministries transformed his congregation. They were no longer an inward-focused church, but they became actively engaged in many new ways in God's work outside of the church.

What support do RLM Teams receive?

Members of church teams divide up tasks and responsibilities so that no one person is stretched beyond their capacity to serve. RLM teams are provided with ongoing cultural and practical training before and after they are matched with a family. They also attend bi-monthly training with other RLM church teams. This training provides Biblical, practical and cultural insights, while also equipping teams to share the gospel and provide assistance with home and community orientation, employment, budgeting, education, and navigating life in a new city. In addition, RLM staff provide continuous support – meeting with teams, providing resources and advice, and quickly responding to phone calls and emails.



Get Involved

Refugee Life Ministries operates in many churches across the Twin Cities. Our hope is that one day every refugee family that is resettled through Arrive Ministries will be welcomed by a church team. If you are interested in learning more about how your church or small group can welcome a refugee family, visit our website or contact Arrive Ministries for more information.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."
– 1 John 3:16-18