Living Out God’s Command To Welcome Refugees And Immigrants In Minnesota

During this season of grief and disappointment, a recent refugee arrival was a sweet reminder of the power of family reunification.

Plus we are excited to welcome a thriving sewing program to Arrive Ministries.

And we’re taking a new, creative approach to our annual summer picnic.

Last week this Karen family of three arrived in Minnesota, reconnecting with their family who has been waiting five years for this reunion! In addition, an Arrive Ministries’ New Neighbor volunteer team provided a friendly welcome.

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Salem Arts Exchange Sewing Becomes the Newest Arrive Ministries Program

“Adding Salem Arts Exchange Sewing into the Arrive Ministries family perfectly aligns with our organization’s work of mobilizing the church to love refugees and immigrants practically, socially and spiritually.”

-Mike Bergman, Executive Director of Arrive Ministries

Salem Arts Exchange Sewing is based in the Phillips neighborhood in Minneapolis, and for over seven years has paired a refugee woman with a volunteer who teaches her sewing skills and how to create handicrafts. Through this partnership, we are committed to serving our refugee neighbors through the universal language of arts and crafts.

“Together with Arrive Ministries, we are on a mission of empowering refugee women. Salem Arts Exchange is a joyful, creative gathering, and inside our studio, you’ll hear a lot of laughter coming from our sewers.”

-Beatrice Mulawarman, Interim Director of Salem Arts Exchange

Please join us in welcoming the volunteers and student sewers of Salem Arts Exchange Sewing to Arrive Ministries!

Learn more about Salem Arts Exchange Sewing

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Stories of Hope

Afghan Tutor Surprised by Gesture of Friendship

Becky was introduced to a sweet Afghan family in Bloomington through our Afghan Women’s English Language Learners (AWELL) program in 2019.

One time, Becky got a phone call from the Afghan mom she was tutoring telling her to come over a pick-up a layered chicken dish she had cooked for Becky.

“It was a complete surprise. She knew that I had company coming in town, and called me out of the blue to come and get it,” shared Becky.

Another time recently, the Afghan family helped Becky’s college-aged daughter with a school project on their home country.

A Resource on Afghan culture, hospitality and etiquette

This summer we offered three Afghan culture trainings online led by two humanitarian aid workers who were furloughed from serving and living among refugees in Europe and the Middle East due to COVID.

“In Afghanistan, hospitality is such a huge part of culture... The rule is that...
Upcoming Events

**The Great Minnesota Picnic Together**
August 16 - August 23

The Great Minnesota Picnic Together is a creative way for you to connect with your refugee friends either outdoors or online during Arrive Ministries' official Picnic Week!

**The Arrive Five**
September 22-26

The Arrive Five is a student organized five day virtual run/walk challenge. All proceeds of this run for refugees will go to Arrive Ministries.

Save the Date
Sept. 29, Noon -1 PM

A Zoom Webinar with World Relief's Jenny Yang on Refugees & the American Church

Resources

Webinar Recording: 90 Days Toward Self-Sufficiency

Have you ever wondered what happens when someone with refugee status arrives and begins settling into life in the U.S.? Arrive Ministries has just 90 days to set them on a path toward self-sufficiency.

In July we hosted a webinar to share about the services and benefits families receive, and ways you can support newly-arriving refugees beyond the 90-day window.

Watch the video

Partner With Us
These strange COVID-19 days have changed many of the ways we do things at Arrive Ministries, to be more virtual and less in-person. But many opportunities to serve our new neighbors through ESL tutoring and homework help have actually increased as refugee families need help navigating the education system and still desire relationships.

Thank you for considering a gift to keep Arrive Ministries strong and growing in the Twin Cities, St. Cloud, Willmar and Rochester.

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