In this newsletter we introduce you to some amazing Minnesota neighbors

+ recent U.S. election unrest is an all too familiar scene for many refugees; an Arrive Ministries board member and former refugee compares democratic and reconciliation practices in Africa with America

+ we have two job openings

+ an inspiring new video shows the experience of journeying to a new homeland

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Introducing our Neighbors of MN Series

Linda: Teaching New Somali Homeownership Class

Krista: Making the Call that Changes Everything

Boyenneh: Getting Used to Winter Sports with Some Encouragement

Meet your neighbors: whether they are new to our state as refugees, or born and raised in Minnesota, we think you'll connect with their stories.

Is there someone you'd like to nominate to be profiled as a Neighbor of MN? Email us!

Follow along with our Neighbors of MN series on social media.
Refugee Reflects on Election Unrest in Africa vs. America

Rwandan genocide survivor and longtime Kenyan refugee Pastor Jean Pierre Gatera is a member of Arrive Ministries Board of Directors. He wrote this blog for Christianity Today:

"As I reflect on my own history and look around the U.S., I ask myself, where are the answers to all these long struggles? Where is God’s engine for reconciliation?

In each conflict, I see the same thing. Different leadership tries to say it’s time to move on. Things are calm for a while, and leaders continue with other things like nothing happened.

But this is like a tree germinating in the wrong place. You go and cut only the stem and leaves, but you don’t pull out the roots. When it rains, the stem and leaves will come back.

Twice I saw this in Africa...

Read more of Pastor Gatera's reflection.

Upcoming Events

English Tutoring Tips
Feb. 24, 7-8PM
Zoom

Join us to learn some basic English tutoring tips. Whether you are new or experienced, teach virtually or in person, these useful tips will be relevant for each learning level and cultural background.

SALT 101 & 102
Feb. 6 & 13, 9-11AM
Zoom

This 2-part introduction to Somali Adult Literacy Training (SALT) equips you with an introduction to Somali culture, the ABC’s of tutoring, and tips on cross-cultural relationships.

Volunteer Interest Meeting
Feb. 25, 7-8PM
Zoom

Learn about the refugee journey, the work we do at Arrive Ministries and ways that you might get involved in the future!
Employment Opportunities

Program Coordinator, Refugee Cash Assistance & Resettlement

This position works with clients to provide ongoing eligibility determination and case maintenance for beneficiaries of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); to assist newly arrived refugees with finding and securing housing and obtaining all required material needs.

Director of Development

This position actively cultivates strategic relationships with existing and new donors, creating an integrated and cohesive annual fundraising plan, benchmarking and monitoring development activities and serving as a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Journey to a New Land Video

“Our journey began when the explosions arrived at our doorstep, when survival consumed our thoughts. For some of us, our journey began when we could no longer hope for our future. And for others, it began because we were once the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

Partner with us

Will you help us financially as we welcome the tired, the poor, and the huddled masses?

When you embark on this journey with us, you join us in extending God’s hope and life transformation to refugees, immigrants, and the Church. Thank you!

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