An Update on Refugee Resettlement

In the month of September alone we welcomed 32 refugees to Minnesota. This one month was busier than the entire past year!

Our Good Neighbor Coordinators are actively empowering church and neighborhood teams to walk alongside EVERY refugee family that we’ve welcomed.

What a thing to celebrate! That’s 11 refugee families who are now supported and connected to local Christ-followers as they transition to life in Minnesota.

We also hired four new Reception and Placement Case Managers who will assist refugees from day one.

A devoted daughter welcomes her Karen mom to St. Paul. Arrive Ministries’ immigration department helped from start to finish to make this reunion happen.

This family arrived from Guatemala. We were able to pair them with a Spanish-speaking Good Neighbor team from Hometown Church in Bloomington. Bienvenidos!

A Good Neighbor team from Church of the Redeemer welcomes a family from Syria. Mom gave lots of hugs, kids were tired from travel.

Stories of Hope

Duo-Language Book Club Bolsters Friendship

The month before the pandemic hit, Katie met Angella. It was an interesting time to start a new friendship. But these two were up for the challenge.

Angella speaks French, and sought asylum in the U.S. from the Democratic Republic of Congo. She wanted to practice her English socially to help her get a better job.

“Let’s partner up, so you can practice English, and we can use your language strengths, so I can improve my French,” Katie proposed.

Katie found an old copy of “The Little Prince” in French from college, and obtained a copy in English; and a duo-language book club was born!

Read more about how the two women found this model of volunteering to be a mutually beneficial way to value what each person has to offer.
Maneuvering Between Two Worlds

Over the past four years through our Afghan Women’s English Language Learners (AWELL) program, Molly has built a friendship with Nilofar, her husband Sher Mohammad, and their children.

Sher Mohammad and his 13-year-old daughter were visiting family in Afghanistan during the Taliban takeover in August. His green card helped them escape, but his family wasn’t completely relieved. Their concern for loved ones back home and angst over the future of their homeland are an ever-present worry.

Molly spent many days during the U.S. military’s pullout from Afghanistan offering a comforting presence to Nilofar and her family.

“I cry when I think of all they have sacrificed to be in America. It’s really important that we welcome them,” said Molly. This sentiment causes Nilofar to cry and Molly consoles her.

“I look forward to when Molly comes. I am happy I can learn English from my teachers, they are my friends,” said Nilofar.

Molly and her co-tutor Flo have gotten to know three Afghan families who live in the same Bloomington apartment complex.

“They are very dear families who have opened up their homes, prayed with us, and welcomed us,” said Molly.

“My family is happy that the teachers are helping my wife a lot,” said Sher Mohammad.

Haley: Living through the Waiting Game of Immigration

“When I met my husband in 2015, God began a new phase of my journey. During our engagement, my husband ran into issues with his DACA status that resulted in his deportation to Mexico.

This process threw us into a whirlwind of lawyers, paperwork and forcing both of us to move to Mexico, a country neither of us knew. The following four years have been spent waiting..."

Read more from Haley

Job Openings

Arrive Ministries is actively growing, we are currently recruiting for three positions. Keep checking our employment page as we continue to post more employment opportunities.

Administrative Coordinator

We are looking for a full-time Administrative Coordinator. This position is a multi-faceted role, providing valuable support to volunteer management, fundraising functions like gift-in-kind donations and receipting, overall office support and program assistance.

Good Neighbor Coordinator

We are looking for a full-time Good Neighbor Coordinator to mobilize individual volunteers and church
The part-time Accounting Associate helps Arrive Ministries as well as our parent organization, Transform Minnesota’s other affiliate ministries New Life Family Services and Damascus Way, by helping these four organizations maintain accurate financial records. This is done through the recording, processing and reconciling of accounts payable for all four ministries as well as processing semi-monthly payroll.

Upcoming Events

**October 19, 7-8PM**
**November 17, 7-8PM**
**Online**

Come and learn about the refugee journey, the work we do here at Arrive Ministries and learn about ways that you might be involved now and in the future!

**October 16, 9AM - 12PM**
**Bethel Christian Fellowship**

Be equipped to invest in Somali families. Learn from a Somali leader about their culture and how to best love and walk alongside them. We will also have breakout sessions on both homework help for school aged children and teaching English to adults.

**November 13, 9AM -12PM**
**Arrive Ministries Office**

This introduction to SALT equips you with the basics of what you need to know: an introduction to Somali culture, the ABC’s of tutoring, and tips on cross-cultural relationships.

**Support the work of Arrive Ministries – See the ways you can Donate today.**