We have had a very busy fall at Arrive Ministries.

Since September 1 we have resettled or plan to resettle 110 displaced people before year-end. We’re on pace for a 7-fold increase in resettlement cases from last year.

And the local church is stepping up to share the love of Christ!

Each family that requested a Good Neighbor team has been paired with a group of loving Arrive Ministries volunteers committed to one year of friendship.

Recently a Good Neighbor team from Chanhassen had the joy of witnessing an Anuak woman from Ethiopia and her daughter arrive at the MSP airport, and reunite with her sister (holding the flowers) whom she hadn’t seen since they were young girls. Watch the 1 minute reunion video Click this video link to watch the full airport reunion

95% of refugees resettled to Minnesota are joining family or friends

In the Know

The term “humanitarian parole” has been in the news a lot recently because of Afghanistan. What does it mean?

Arrive Ministries Immigration Legal Services staff wrote up some things to know about parole:

Parole is catch-all immigration term that can cover many different statuses of entry into the US.

It is temporary.

Parole is just the beginning of a long legal process and each parolee will have a unique journey on that road. Read more about parole.
Stories of Hope

Gaining Trust and Acceptance by Showing Up

Liz began teaching English to two Afghan women in Fridley, through a Good Neighbor team.

For months, Liz committed to showing up consistently. The Afghan women welcomed her into their homes with tea, treats, and gratitude.

“Want to come to a picnic in the park?” In May, Setara invited Liz to attend their Eid celebration.

“We want you to come!” Zeenat confirmed.

The festival of Eid is one of the most important days on the Muslim calendar. It was no small sign of trust and acceptance for the women to invite Liz.

Liz was careful to dress modestly and not arrive too early. The park was expansive, and what was expected to be 15 families quickly doubled. Men and women gathered in separate areas, sitting on mats on the ground with children playing around them.

At that party, Liz watched and listened, unable to speak with most attendees. When the other Afghan women discovered she taught English, many crowded around her.

“You’re a teacher? Can you come teach us too?!”

Liz’s circle of Afghan friends grew exponentially in a matter of minutes.

Read more about how Liz mourned with those who mourn when Afghanistan fell in August.

Needle and Thread Offer Kinship in St. Cloud Sewing Classes

- A group of Somali male elders join in taking sewing lessons
- Student snaps selfies with teacher, proudly holding up sewing project

Read full story

Rochester Church Hosts Driving Practice for Refugees

- Day of driving practice in church parking lot
- Many refugees need a driver's license to get to work

Read full story
Remember Arrive Ministries on Give to the Max Day (Tomorrow)!

Here are three ways you can support Arrive Ministries if you plan to give:

1) For maximum impact, donate through our giving page
2) Mail a check to Arrive Ministries on Give to the Max Day
3) Give through Give to the Max’s Arrive Ministries page

Other ways you can respond to the needs of refugees with generosity:

- Donate Visa and Grocery Store Gift Cards
- Send us Property Owner/Manager Housing Leads
- Give items from our registry

Job Openings

**Housing Resource Coordinator**

We are looking for a full-time Housing Resource Coordinator. This position, within the Reception and Placement (R&P) department, secures safe, sanitary, affordable housing for all newly-arrived refugees resettled by Arrive Ministries. It builds and sustains relationships with landlords and property managers throughout the Twin Cities metro area; and assists in apartment set-ups, bed deliveries and lease signings.

**Case Manager**

We are looking for a full-time Case Manager. This position, within the Reception and Placement (R&P) department, manages a caseload of newly-arrived refugees and connects them to necessary services. It provides refugees with basic needs support and core social services as defined by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

**Case Aide**

We are looking for a full-time (32-40 hours per week) Case Aide. This position, within the Reception and Placement (R&P) department, will assist case managers in providing newly-arrived refugees with transportation to appointments, lead cultural orientation and intake appointments, teach newly-arrived refugees how to take public transit, coordinate apartment set-ups, furniture deliveries, and the creation of welcome kits. An ideal candidate has Pashto and/or Dari language abilities.

**SALT Director**

Arrive Ministries is looking for a new program director of our Somali Adult Literacy Training team, based in Minneapolis-St. Paul. This person will lead our literacy programs and strategize other activities that engage volunteers to share the love of Jesus through friendship connections with Somalis. If you are interested, please email Wendy Meyering to request the job description.
Spring Semester Internships

- Employment Program Intern
- Refugee Reception & Placement Intern
- Immigration Legal Services Intern
- Communications Intern

Upcoming Trainings

January 18, 7-8PM
February 17, 7-8PM
Online

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

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

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