



Refugee Newsletter

Second Quarter 2022

"Be full of joy always because you belong to the Lord. Again I say, be full of joy!" Philippians 4:4

God continues to provide in abundance as we serve the refugees and asylum seekers in the greater Austin Area. We have now served over 125 refugee families (approximately 475 individuals) as we help them to settle in their new community. We continue to collaborate with other churches and members of the Austin community to seek to serve the ongoing needs of our new neighbors.

SPOTLIGHT:

A refugee reached out and expressed his need for transportation as he was struggling to meet the needs of his family as he traveled quite a distance for his new job. This need was communicated to our generous Gateway community and a member offered to donate a car to him. This will make such a difference for his entire family. "With God all things are Possible" Matthew 19:26.



Speaking of jobs, we hosted our second successful job fair April 28th. Kimberly Wat-
son-Hemphill and the Gateway
Business Network helped host
this event. She worked with
KeyStaff to find employment for
over 20 refugees. We were also



able to provide
another opportu-
nity for them to
commune to-
gether and to
pick out needed
donations from
our generous
donors.

SPOTLIGHT:

Two refugees who
have come to faith
have now started
helping other refu-
gees to get settled
and grow in their
new communities.
It has been excit-
ing to see the Fruit
of the Spirit alive
in them!

WANT TO HELP?

We plan on sorting through our
donation shed and gathering
“new home kits” to give our ref-
ugee friends when they get of-
fered an apartment. We will
gather at the storage shed in
back of the Gateway North
Campus at 8:00am on Saturday
July 16th. If you are able to help
with this effort please email

amyriesterer@gmail.com

FAMILY MATCHING PROGRAM

Our current efforts are focused on launching our “family matching” program which will match refugee families with Gateway families and other members of our community. We hope for the adoptive family and the refugees/asylum seekers to form a unifying relationship where they mutually learn about each other’s culture, seek to better understand each other, develop trust, and to help serve the needs of each other. We are also gathering resources and training materials to prepare for this effort.

We continue to be humbled by God’s great provision in blessing this community and ministry so abundantly and cannot wait to see His continued work as we launch our family matching program.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Strength to continue to serve our Refugee community well through the less-structured summer months.
- Pray for our project for matching refugee communities and people in our city, to provide a more intimate community for refugees to feel welcomed and cared for.
- Pray for our Volunteers and that God will continue to provide more Volunteers.

PRAISE:

I am so thankful that God allowed me to travel and see my family again after 8 years. I was so grateful to see my mother, sister, brother-in-law, nephew, & meet my niece. You can see our joy!



Thank you so much for being a part of this Journey and thank you for your wonderful support.