

Sharing God's Mercy

A discussion on St. Margaret's becoming a
good neighbor team for a refugee family

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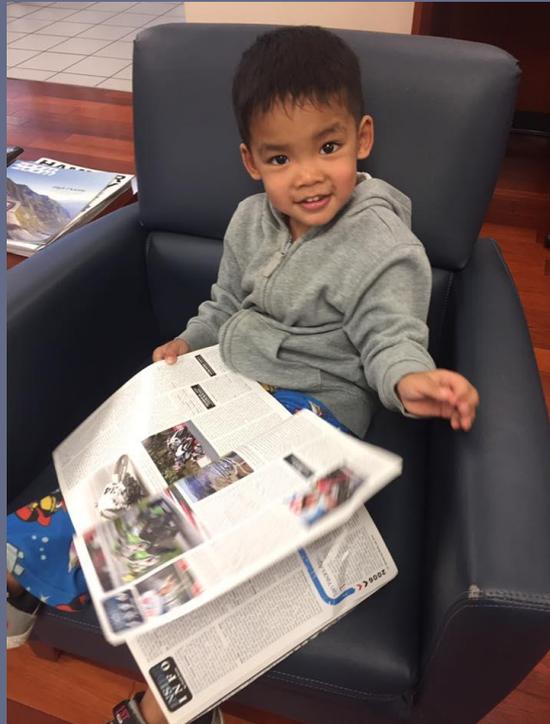
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When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

Matthew 2: 13

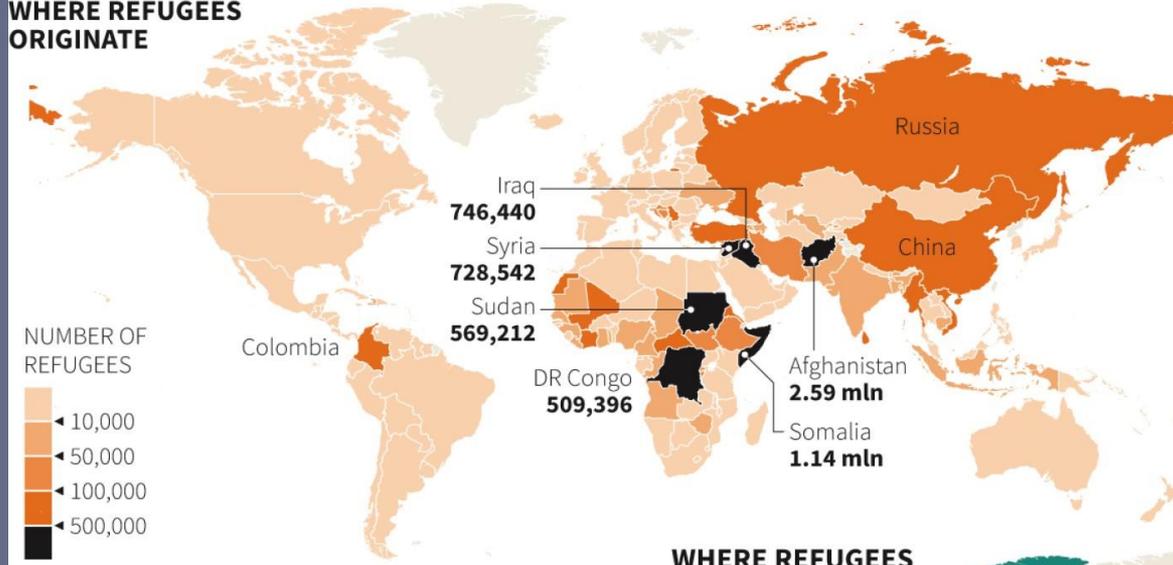
Introduction



Global refugee situation

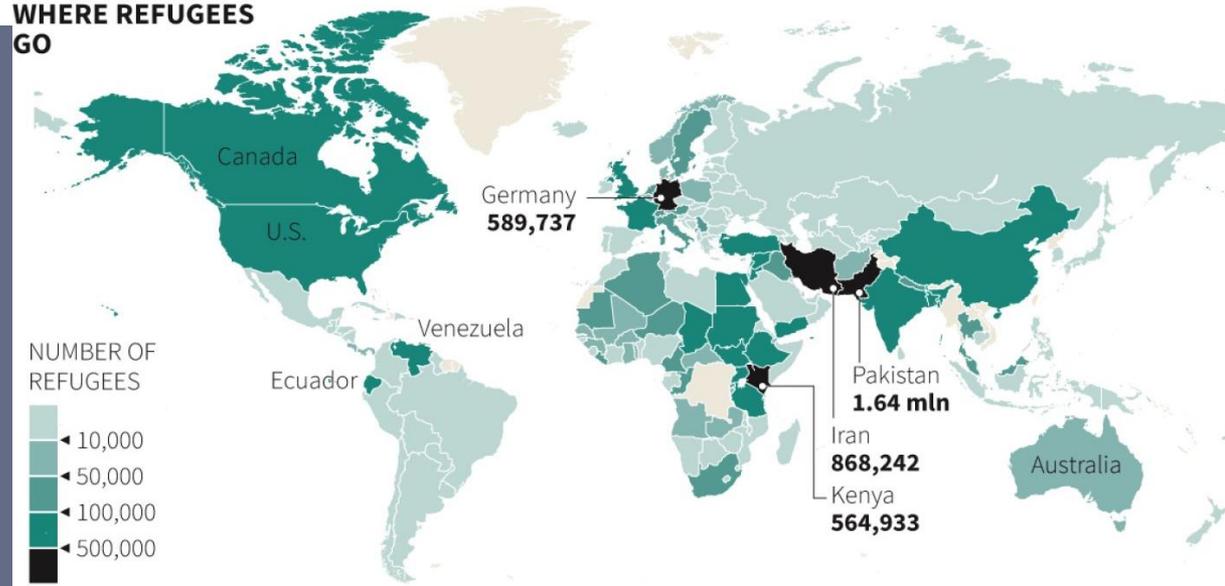
The UN reports that 10.5 million refugees were under the protection of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2012. There were 1.1 million new refugees in 2012.

WHERE REFUGEES ORIGINATE



Refugee crisis

WHERE REFUGEES GO



Source: U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

World Relief

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Refugee Resettlement

<http://worldreliefannearundel.org/refugee-resettlement>



When the alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:33-34 and 24:22

Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services

SECURITY



- Pre-screening by Resettlement Support Center (RSC) staff
- On-site **interview** by CIS Refugee Corps (Circuit Rides)
- **Security** clearance & fingerprinting

State Department: Bureau for Population, Refugees & Migration

PLACEMENT



- **Placement allocations** through 9 national Voluntary Agencies
- Cultural **orientation** & departure processing
- Initial **Reception & Placement**: 30-90 days in U.S.

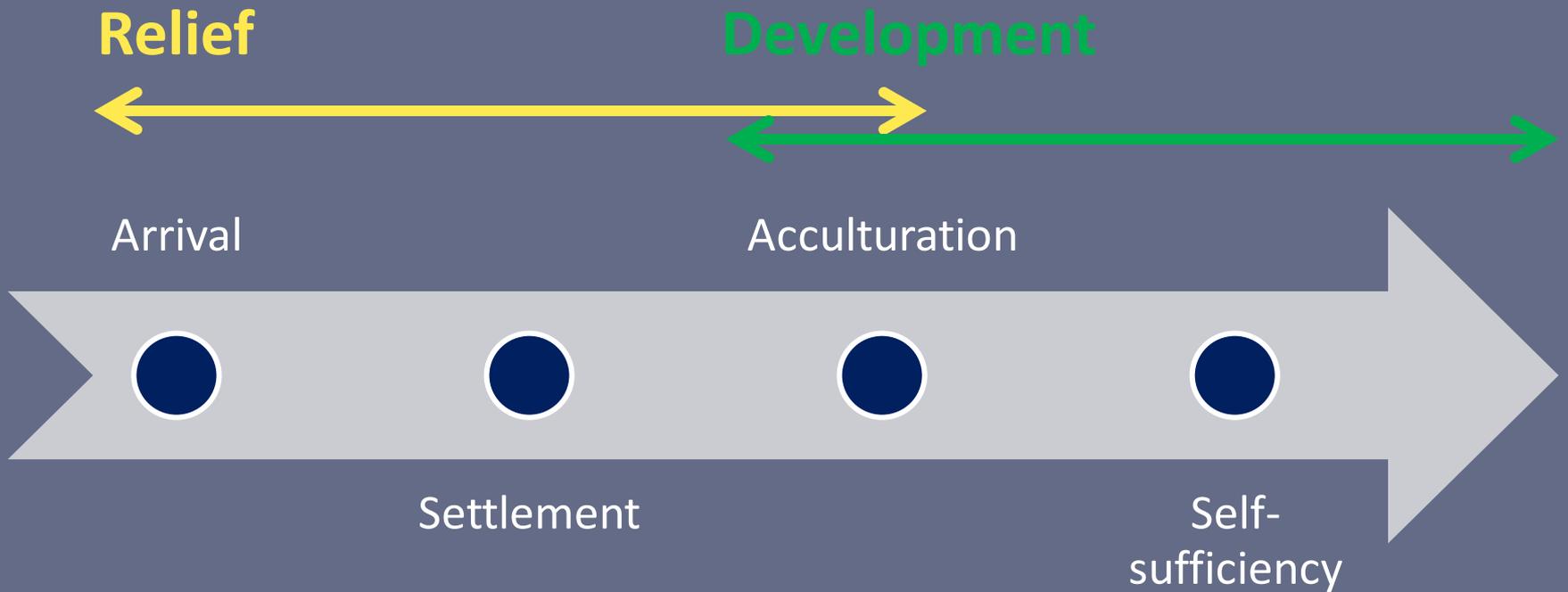
Department of Health & Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement

TRANSITION



- Interim cash & medical **assistance**
- Employment **services**, ESL, medical screening, recertification
- Specialized **programs**: Micro-Enterprise Development, IDA, Survivors of Torture...

Transition



Relief

- Crisis response
- Addresses short-term needs
 - *Transportation *Housing *Clothing *Food
 - *Household necessities *Early language
- People giving to meet the needs of those in need
- Goal is to alleviate immediate problems and prevent or mitigate future ones

Development

- Sustainable solution to a problem
- Addresses on-going needs
 - *Housing
 - *ESL
 - *Jobs
 - *Schooling
 - *Health care
 - *Cultural competence
 - *Companionship
- People doing to help those in need be able to help themselves
- Goal is to create independence and restore dignity
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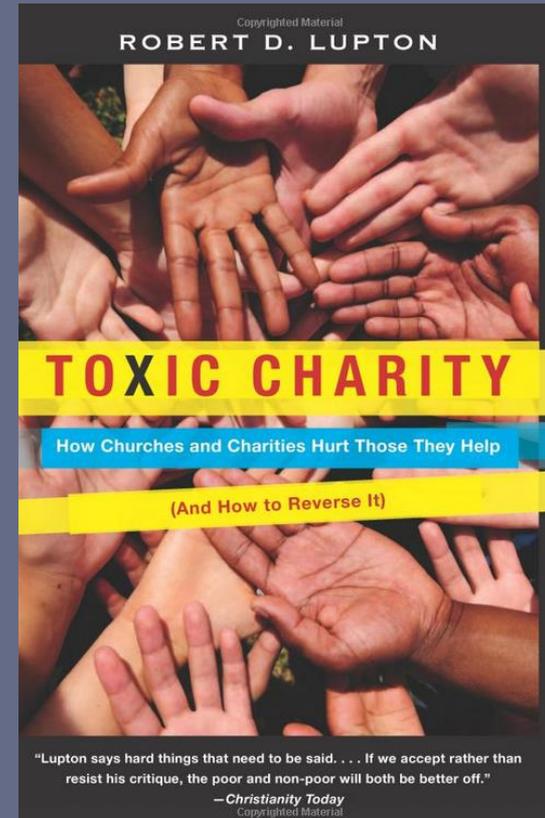
- For more on relief vs. development and empowering the people we help, check out:

Lupton, Robert D. (2012). *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, And How to Reverse It*. New York: Harper Collins.

15 minute Summary:

<https://www.inphilanthropy.org/sites/default/files/files/pages/Toxic%20Charity%20Synopsis.pdf>

You can purchase this book from St. Margaret's
Missions Commission



How might you help?



Be a witness



Be a donor

Refugee family of 6- Aug 2016

“World Relief Anne Arundel is coordinating the travel, arrival, and resettlement of this family of six. I will store the items until the family is able to move into an apartment. If there is something off list that you would like to donate, please contact me first. Thanks! Sarah UPDATE: Thanks to your tremendous generosity, this list is almost

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Country Style Dining Chair House Bench w/ Decorative Turned Legs Natural

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“We have a kitchen table, now we need a place for them to sit in two of these benches and two chairs (one for each end, listed separately).”

Quantity: 2 Has: 2



Home Life Comfort Sleep 6-Inch Mattress - Twin

★★★★★ (1,103)

\$75.17 Prime

Size: Twin

Price dropped 1% (was \$76.06 when added to List)

In stock but may require an extra 1-2 days to process.

Offered by Amazon.com.

Quantity: 4 Has: 4

Be an organizer



Woods Church

Family Support & Check In

English Classes: 1906 Forest Drive Suite 2B. The teacher is Steve

Chase Brexton: 200 Hospital Drive, Suite 300 Glen Burnie

SPES Hours: We open the doors for arrival at SPES at 8:35 am, 8:45 is the official time, and after 8:50 am – they are late and must be signed in at the office. Dismissal starts at 3:15 pm, right now the walkers are the last ones dismissed after the car rider line has diminished. That makes it safer for students walking near the parking lot.

Be a friend



Help with job skills



Help with one time projects



Pray



- For the refugees we help.
- For those who cannot find refuge.
- For those who help them.
- For an end to the violence in their homelands that forced them to leave.



‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25: 40

Woods Church

- Consideration
- Planning
- Helping
- Assessment so far



Timeline

- **Nov – Dec 2016:** Sign-up, interest assessment.
- **Jan 2017:** Discernment meeting (on a Tues or Wed evening)
- **9 Feb 2017:** World Relief Training
- **March 2017 – June 2017:** Planning
- **Summer 2017:** Family?

Resources to learn more

- US Department of State, Refugee Resettlement Program
 - Overview
<http://www.state.gov/j/prm/releases/factsheets/2013/203578.htm>
 - Arrivals by the numbers
<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/01/251176.htm>
- US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: Explore the issues
<http://refugees.org/explore-the-issues/refugees-facts/>
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Resources to learn more

- “Finding Refuge” on 60 minutes

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-syrian-refugee-crisis-immigration/>

- *Salam, Neighbor* (Netflix)



Resources to learn more

- World Relief Anne Arundel
 - <http://worldreliefannearundel.org/refugee-resettlement>
- Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees
 - <http://dhr.maryland.gov/maryland-office-for-refugees-and-asylees/>

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