

SMM REFUGEE OUTREACH

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Tens of thousands of Ukrainians are being forced to flee their homeland as the country is being attacked by Russia. Leaving everything behind, these desperate families are evacuating and now await resettlement here in the United States.

We believe this presents the church with an incredible opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love and compassion, just as the Good Samaritan did. Caring for and serving these refugees will require a significant commitment, but we believe the church should be able to do the best job at helping our neighbor, even those very different from us, when they face such serious hardships.

As our Refugee Leadership Team welcomes our new Ukrainian neighbors and with Samaritan's Purse to assist with their resettlement journey, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining our efforts.

Please consider this special opportunity to embrace evacuees who have come to our doorstep. You can help us sponsor a family and support them as they rebuild their lives in America. What a wonderful way to show the love of Christ to people in need!

In order for our team to best serve our potential new neighbors, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** **Everyone has something to offer** and God has gifted each of us in different ways. Whether you're an amazing cook, great with kids, handyman, realtor, business owner, own a vehicle, own a trailer, secretary, farmer, welder, accountant, lawyer, —everyone is needed!

Please fill out survey as soon as possible:

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer & Donation Survey

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who should fill out the Refugee Resettlement Volunteer survey? EVERYONE! Everyone has something to offer and God has gifted each of us in different ways. Whether you're a great cook, great with kids, handyman, Realtor, business owner, own a vehicle, own a trailer, secretary, farmer, welder, accountant, lawyer, —everyone is needed!

If I fill out the survey, am I obligated to help SendMeMissions? No. Filling out the survey helps us know who to contact and follow up with but does NOT obligate you to volunteer with us.

What are some ways SendMeMissions needs help? We need help finding housing, muscles on moving day, collecting donations, fundraising, providing transportation, teaching someone to drive, teaching English, tutoring children, connecting children to healthy activities, babysitting, providing a meal, taking someone shopping, offering advice on navigating a new culture, finding employment opportunities, filling out applications online, —the possibilities are endless!

Are the Refugee families legally in the United States? Yes. The families have been screened by the Department of Homeland Security and have begun receiving basic services.

Do the families speak English? Each family is unique. In some instances, one or more members of the family may speak some English. However, it is important to be prepared to welcome a family that does not speak English. SMM has identified local resources in our community to assist with communicating with the family in a way they will understand.

Are Refugees eligible to work in the United States? Yes! The newcomers will be assisted in applying for their Employment Authorization Document (EAD), which authorizes them to work in the United States. As a sponsor, we can support them in finding a job.

I would like to help, but don't know how?

If you have any interest in joining our efforts but are unsure how you can help, please contact our staff at 863-800-9654 or refugee@sendmemissions.com



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Refugee Resettlement Key Contacts



Housing

Secure safe and affordable housing. Provide basic necessities, including furniture, hygiene items, and household items. Arrange donations for household items.

Mitch Landress



Transportation

Secure systems of transportation, teach to drive, obtain driver's license, and prepare for purchase of vehicle.

**Chris & Tasha
Bishop**



Education & Language

Help enroll the children in school. Provide English language support. Arrange donations of school supplies.

**Sarah Idsardi
Dena Patterson**



Cultural Adaptation

Provide cultural and community orientation. Arrange meals and grocery shopping.

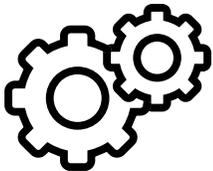
**Meagan Albritton
Janice Durrance**



Financial Support

Providing income support for the first 90 days. Support the family in accessing government benefits such as food and medical assistance, education of household budgeting and financial management.

**Matt & Savannah
Reichel**



Employment

Provide employment search advice and support.

Jerry Patterson



Professional Services

Connect the family to legal assistance for immigration purposes.

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