

I feel hope.
I feel love.
I feel acceptance.
I feel safe.
I feel free.



Providing refugees with a strong foundation to begin again.

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Across the globe, there are more than: **65.3 million** refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced people.
21.3 million are refugees who have spent an average of 17 years uprooted from their lives.
50% of the world's refugees are children.
4.9 million Syrians have fled the violence in their country, finding shelter in neighboring countries.
34,000 people flee their homes every day.

In the United States: **84,995** refugees and **12,271** Special Immigrant Visa recipients were resettled in 2016.

In 2016, EMM resettled **5,761** refugees from 35 countries in 30 communities in 26 dioceses



EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN
Columbia, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras

AFRICA
Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

83

EAST ASIA
Myanmar (Burma), China

1,812

MIDDLE EAST
Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Syria

834

SOUTH ASIA
Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan

745

124



EDUARDO JESÚS VELIZ FERNÁNDEZ

Country of Origin: Cuba
Resettled to: Episcopal Migration Ministries, Miami, Florida

"The refugee program and EMM's support have fundamentally changed

and improved our lives. It has also helped us understand and value the real possibilities."



EMILE & BARUANI

Country of Origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
Resettled to: Episcopal Migration Ministries, Wichita, Kansas

Emile: "It is good because firstly I feel safe to have good sleep.

Secondly, I am not panicking my heart. We are no longer hungry. The children can take classes without anything bothering them."
Baruani: "I am glad I am here because it is peaceful, there is no war, we have freedom, and it is a country of much opportunity for me and my children."



MUSTAFA ADAM

Country of Origin: Kenya
Resettled to: Bridge Refugee Services, Chattanooga, Tennessee

"[America] offer me a lot of chances to have a job. The securities, the safety... it's all different. Nobody

comes to attack me in my apartment (...) I try to forget what has happened, and start again, a new life."



CHANDRA

Country of Origin: Bhutan
Resettled to: Agency for New Americans, Boise, Idaho

"Based on what I heard from people in the refugee camp, I felt like entering the US would be a turning point in my life. Ultimately, it turns out to be true due to the available opportunities for those who are willing to work hard."



LYUBOV PUSTENKA

Country of Origin: Ukraine
Resettled to: Bridge Refugee Services, Chattanooga, Tennessee

"I celebrated my 70th birthday in the United States and finally I felt the taste of freedom, acceptance, love and most of all hope. Hope for my children, their children and their grandchildren. Never again would they face the cruel reality that lives on in many far corners of this world."



MOHAMMADMEHDI MASOUMI

Country of Origin: Iran
Resettled to: Episcopal Migration Ministries, Miami, Florida

"From the moment I arrived I never felt like a refugee. I always felt like a dream come true. Living my dream of a better life with more opportunities. Only in the United States can you arrive knowing no one and end up with people that become family."

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WELCOME

EMM needs your help to ensure refugees are welcomed to a place of safety and opportunity.

Stand with us as we care for and welcome our newest neighbors and advocate for refugees at home and abroad. Make your gift today to say you **Stand to Support Refugees**.

To donate online, visit:
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To donate by check, please make your check payable to:
Episcopal Migration Ministries,
815 Second Avenue, NY, NY 10017

Speak out in support of refugee resettlement and advocate for a humane and just immigration system.

Learn more about resources for action through the **Episcopal Public Policy Network**. The EPPN is a grassroots network of Episcopalians dedicated to striving for justice and peace. Through the EPPN Action Center, contact your member of Congress, participate in direct advocacy, and raise awareness in your community. Join the EPPN: tinyurl.com/JoinEPPN.

Join the work of welcome. Volunteer with or support one of EMM's local resettlement partners. Contact EMM with questions or for assistance in discerning how to engage the ministry of resettlement and welcome: emm@episcopalchurch.org.

OUR MISSION

As a ministry of The Episcopal Church, Episcopal Migration Ministries lives the call of welcome by supporting refugees, immigrants, and the communities that embrace them. In our desire to acknowledge the worth of every human being, we bring together communities to love our neighbors as ourselves.

OUR VALUES

Integrity – EMM acts with integrity by being honest, transparent and acting in the best interest of those we serve.

Respect – EMM respects the dignity of every human being.

Inclusion – EMM intentionally seeks and encourages the inclusion of all voices.

Courage – EMM acts with courage and faith to protect and honor humanity.

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Episcopal Migration Ministries in action



Episcopal Migration Ministries, in partnership with a network of 30 affiliates, provides a foundation of support and welcome to refugees as they become our new neighbors. Core programs offered by Episcopal Migration Ministries ensure that refugees are resettled into communities of opportunity and hope.



Employment & Opportunity

One of the pillars of EMM's work is ensuring that newly arriving refugees are able to be self-sufficient and gain employment. **The Matching Grant program** assists refugees with the resources, knowledge, and services they need to secure employment and stand on their own feet. Many refugees go on to start businesses, pursue higher education, and become leaders in the community.

- Housing
 - Childcare
 - Self-Sufficiency Plan
- Financial Literacy
 - Financial Support
 - Employment Related Expenses
- English Language Training (ELT)
 - Training & Job Development
 - Job Readiness & Placement Assistance
 - Transportation Assistance



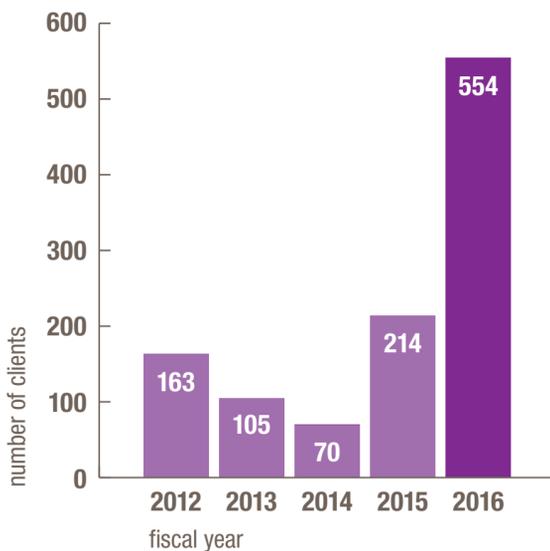
National Service & Welcome



Elizabeth Kurtz
AmeriCorps volunteer at IRIS, Los Angeles, CA

"Participating in the AmeriCorps program through Episcopal Migration Ministries has allowed me to grow as a professional while simultaneously learning about refugee resettlement on local, national, and global levels. Because of my participation in the program, I have become better-informed on critical issues and participated in helping people find welcoming communities."

Education & Outreach



Co-Sponsorships

In FY16, co-sponsorships of EMM R&P clients were at the highest level ever recorded.

Support to Thrive

The Preferred Communities program provides extra support to newly arriving refugees so they can thrive.

Refugees are provided the additional tools and resources they need to be successful through case management and program services.

- Orphans
- Support
- Single parents
- Mental Health
- Elderly experiencing isolation
- Health & Medical Health
- LGBT
- Program Orientation
- Survivors of trauma
- Social Adjustment

World Refugee Day

On June 20, 2016, Episcopal Migration Ministries joined the U.N., our network of affiliates, and organizations and churches across the globe in celebrating the resilience and strength of refugees on World Refugee Day. Across the US, resettlement agencies, churches, and community organizations held special events, which were featured on our interactive map. EMM organized a social media campaign, sharing positive stories, advocacy resources, and worship materials.

One United People

On September 14, 2016, Episcopal Migration Ministries sponsored "One United People: A Dialogue on Refugee Resettlement and Faithful Welcome," a seven-member panel discussion which included former refugees, refugee resettlement professionals, U.N. officials and advocates. The panel shared their personal and professional resettlement experience, sharing how to welcome, integrate, and advocate for refugees in their local communities.