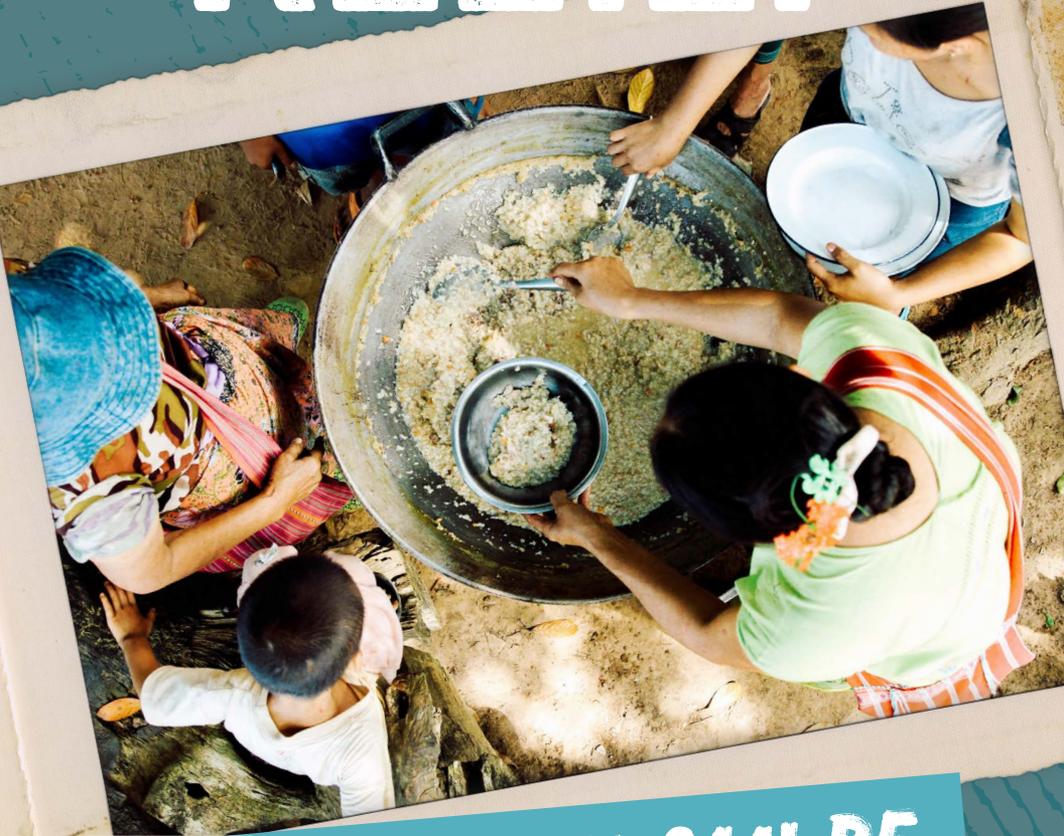


REFUGEE RELIEF



5 WAYS YOU CAN BE
THE CHANGE

||>> SEND Relief

TODAY,

**we are experiencing
the highest
record of global
displacement in the
history of the world.**

**Take a moment
to let that sink in:**

80 MILLION PEOPLE,

and more than half are children.

Put another way, one person is forced out of
their home **EVERY TWO SECONDS.**

In the time you took to read that
sentence, two more children fled for
their lives, seeking a new home and
a new hope, unsure of what will meet
them on the other side of their journey.

THE SITUATION

There are many reasons a family may be trying to escape their home country, **none of them good.**

Some are requesting political asylum after having been bold enough to **speak out against injustice** in a country with an oppressive government. Some are internally displaced in their own countries after a **devastating terrorist attack** on their village. Some are made refugees after being **persecuted for their faith** or ethnicity. And still others are made stateless by the conquering of their nation or the **government's discrimination** against their race.

Families on the run face imminent threats on all sides. They are fleeing from certain danger while pursuing a new life in a country that may or may not be friendly to their efforts. **Violence and hate crimes** against refugees are on the rise with **more than 600 attacks** a year reported in Germany alone. Displaced children are frequently bullied and **denied equal access to education**, and parents' requests for work permits are often rejected on the basis of sex or nationality.

Despite all the adversity that refugees are subjected to on their journeys, **they continue to emerge resilient** and determined as ever to build a new life. And you have the power to show up and help them!

In refugee camps around the world, Send Relief is providing **hot meals, clean water, temporary shelter, blankets and hygiene kits** to families who are stranded in the in-between, deprived of respect, basic human necessities and hope itself. **You can restore dignity** to a marginalized community that has been harangued, driven out and abandoned. **You can make a lasting impact** by ensuring that refugee families feel welcomed in their new homes.

**WHAT BETTER
WAY TO BE THE
HANDS AND FEET
OF JESUS?**

HOW TO HELP

Here are five ways you can make a tangible, immediate difference in a refugee's life:

1 [Download our prayer guide](#) from the Send Relief website to discover practical, specific ways to pray for refugee families seeking shelter and safety. Your prayers make a difference in the lives of desperate families on the run.

2 [Pack backpacks of supplies](#) with your small group! You can ensure that a family has the sanitary items necessary to live healthfully. Use the [Backpack ministry guide](#) on our website to help you **plan a packing party**.

3 **Mentor a migrant child!** Those affected most drastically by the fugitive lifestyle are often those most overlooked—children. It would mean the world to an immigrant family to have someone **intentionally invest** in the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of their kids.

4 [Start or join an ESL ministry](#) using our free online guide! Teaching English is an excellent way to build relationships, and so many refugee families just need a bit of help to get their feet under them the first few months of living in a new country. **You can help them adjust** well while also gaining meaningful relationships with new friends.

5 [Host a refugee simulation](#) at your church or home with the WMU's refugee simulation pack! With it, you will get a small glimpse into the everyday struggles of migrants on the run. The curriculum will guide you to a better understanding of what the life of a displaced person is like, and the simulation is a **beautiful exercise in empathy**.



IMITATING JESUS

By engaging with any one of these service opportunities, you will be making a lasting difference in the life of **one of the most persecuted communities in the world** today. Your dedication to **advocating for the oppressed** and coming alongside those in need is a powerful example of the body of Christ and its purpose.

The Old and New Testament affirm this need for abundant hospitality in Leviticus 19:34, "The foreigners residing among you must be treated as native-born. **Love them as yourself**, for you were foreigners in Egypt," and in Hebrews 13:1-2, "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

**THANK YOU FOR BEING
SUCH A COMPELLING
ILLUSTRATION
OF GOD'S LOVE!**

DEUTERONOMY 10:18 SAYS,

**“He defends the cause
of the fatherless and
the widow, and loves
the foreigner residing
among you, giving
them food and
clothing.”**





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