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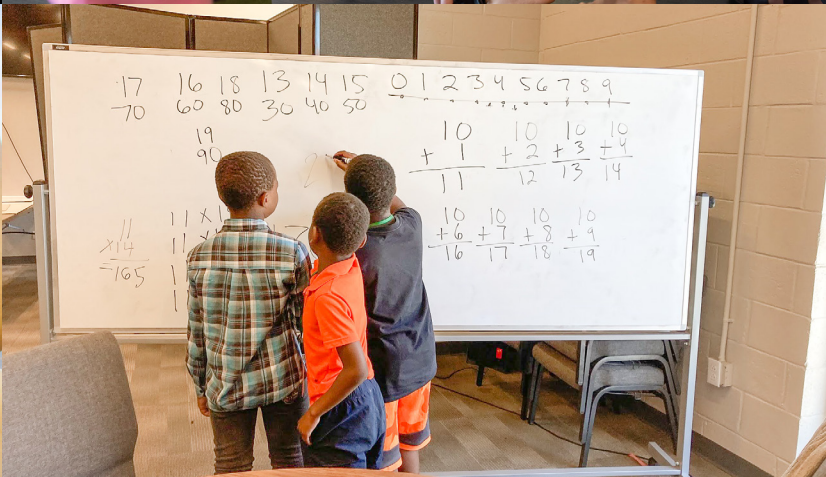
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Meeting Needs, Changing Lives

Send Relief works with churches and volunteers to meet needs and change lives in communities within the U.S. and around the world.

By offering help and hope to the most vulnerable in collaboration with missionaries, local ministries and churches, your gifts and efforts through Send Relief have a long-term impact.

With Send Relief's help, churches and partners like you receive resources and training to be the hands and feet of Jesus to communities in crisis, refugees, human trafficking survivors, those affected by natural disasters, and vulnerable children and families.

Ministry Centers

Send Relief ministry centers deliver compassion ministry within local communities while providing mission trips and training opportunities for churches all over the country. The goal of ministry centers is twofold: serve communities well and encourage others to do the same.

All over North America, Send Relief ministry centers actively assess community needs, develop ministry strategies, deliver ministry and provide opportunities for others to go on mission.



Community Snapshot

A vibrant hub of local and global industry, Atlanta is host to a growing international community and home to several major universities.

- With more than 100 languages spoken in Atlanta alone, it is a melting pot of cultures, food and communities.
- As an urban powerhouse, Atlanta currently has ongoing poverty and housing issues.

Outside Atlanta, the city of Clarkston — affectionately called “the Ellis Island” of the South — is home to one of the most diverse populations in America.

- In Clarkston, **60-70% of the population is foreign-born**, with more than 50 countries and 100 ethnic groups residing within its tiny area.
- **Some 40,000 refugees have come through Georgia** over the past three decades, and for most, Clarkston was the first stop.

- Between 2015 and 2019, according to APM Research, the small Atlanta suburb of about 13,000 residents **ranked first in the nation for resettling** the highest number of refugees per capita (among cities resettling 100 or more refugees per year).

In Clarkston poverty levels are higher than other parts of the county. Food security is low as families struggle with the high cost of nutritious groceries, especially fresh fruits and vegetables.

- **19.2%** of DeKalb County, struggles with food insecurity.
- **10 out of every 20** children ages 0-5 in DeKalb County, Georgia, are economically disadvantaged, including 6 living in poverty.
- **32.7%** of families led by a single mother live in poverty

Source: U.S. Census, DeKalb County and DeKalb Human Services Department



Atlanta Ministry Center Snapshot

Ministries

Care for Refugees

- Access to English Classes
- Access to job skills training

Mobilization Opportunities

- Mission Trips
- Vision Tours
- Training



Atlanta Ministry Center Community Partnerships

Through its partnership with Send Relief and Clarkson International Bible Church, the Atlanta Ministry Center helps provide better access to English classes, job skills training and more helpful resources as refugees navigate a new country and culture.

They've entered into a partnership with Atlanta-based resettlement agencies to address temporary housing needs of Afghan refugees being placed in Georgia.

- This work allows windows of opportunity to show gospel hospitality to Muslim families and give local churches the chance to make lasting connections to these families so that when they move into their permanent home, the church would go with them.

David Creswell, the Atlanta Ministry Center director, said, "With its partnership with CIBC, the Atlanta Ministry Center is a place that serves many family-based needs. Some of our challenges include providing adequate education."

- Refugee children struggle in the age-based American education system, which differs from the "educational age" placement system more common internationally.

- Many children are far behind in school because they previously lived in camps and struggle to catch up when they get to the U.S.
- Language is also a challenge. Adults need English proficiency to have any real hope of thriving outside of their smaller, isolated communities. Often, the immediate demand to provide for their families leads them to abandon learning language altogether.

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History of the Atlanta Ministry Center

In 2017, Send Relief entered into a partnership with Clarkston International Bible Church (CIBC).

The church still meets here, along with four other ethnic congregations.

Because the need is so great, the Atlanta Ministry Center and CIBC have partnered with other agencies by providing space and resources for their ministry.

“The facilitation of all our partners in a single space has its challenges with shared space, but the accomplishment is that we have managed to all flexibly work together within these confines to see the gospel move forward,” said David.

Their shared desire to focus on serving refugee families and at-risk children in Clarkston makes the challenge worthwhile. They would like the entire community of Clarkston

to see the Atlanta Ministry Center as a place where they find respect and dignity. They want to be known for high-quality programs that meet real needs, high-quality businesses that offer them jobs and places to connect with others.

Their focus is for everyone to experience warm hospitality and see the church at the center of all of it.





Atlanta Ministries

Future Ministry Plans

- Care for Refugees through education
- Coworking Space for Community Engagement

Vision

The Atlanta Ministry Center's vision for the future is to continue doing the work that God has already started and provide a place for refugee families to go for everything related to physical and spiritual needs.

“Together, we can provide greater levels of service and offerings to the community while at the same time showing SBC churches the possibilities of ministry that can exist toward refugees and internationals out of the church,” said David.

They are currently developing business/ ministry plans to pursue maximum community engagement and interaction on the property. These include the building out of a coworking space. They are also working on a bike shop since the Ministry Center sits on one of the busiest bike paths in Atlanta

“We are also working on an education wing in partnership with a NAMB missionary. We hope to have a food vendor class option for refugees who desire to launch food-based businesses,” said David. “We also are developing a clothing closet with bags specifically meant for newly resettled refugee families to provide them with a warm welcome through new clothes, comfort items and a Bible.”

Get Involved

One of the most powerful ways to show the most vulnerable the love of Christ is by taking steps toward them. By helping churches be the hands and feet of Jesus, Send Relief supports and provides opportunities for those who desire to respond directly to these needs in lasting, meaningful ways while sharing the hope of the gospel.

Give

Your gift provides critical, immediate help to families and communities that need it most. Give today to provide practical care and share the love of Jesus.

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Serve

Participate in various compassion opportunities by taking a mission trip and vision tour to a ministry center around North America. Mission trips can include apartment outreach, food pantry ministry, after-school programs, sports ministry, canvassing, prayer walking, homeless ministry, physical labor, serving at-risk families and university campus ministry. The trip also includes aspects of training and equipping so you can learn how to connect and serve the international and refugee communities in your cities.

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