

Hello friends,

I have been absolutely blown away by your support and responses to the urgent resettlement needs of newly arriving families from Afghanistan and around the world. The Church is here!

The other night, our caseworkers were at the airport welcoming a family of 7 from Afghanistan and a family of 3 from Somalia. The kids were so tired! So far this month **we've received 94 people**, and are expecting many more over the coming months.

Our Resettlement Coordinator, Ashley Fisher, shared: *"We normally have 2 weeks to prepare for an arrival, but now we're only getting a couple hours notice before meeting someone at the airport. I'm so proud of my team and our participants for the ways they have responded with creativity and perseverance."*

We also just received the wonderful news *yesterday* that our colleague and interpreter made it out of Kabul with his family, safe and sound. We are so relieved and grateful.

We've had hundreds of people apply to volunteer, offer host home space, and donate Welcome Kits. I am especially grateful for our church partners because you understand the importance of staying in relationship and being present through all seasons. As we welcome dozens of families now, we're also preparing for how we can come alongside and support them for the next year, 5 years, 10 years... We hope you will join us in being good neighbors both through the moment of crisis and through the years of adjustment ahead.

For those of you looking for the words to share about what is happening with Afghan arrivals, please read the attached letter. For those of you trying to support members of the Afghan Community, here's a [resource](#).

We are still seeing a lot of need with so many people arriving so quickly. Here are a few ways you can help!

1. Pray:
For our staff (we have several new caseworkers starting this week)
For new arrivals, that they would find space for grieve, rest, and hope
For people still in dangerous situations in Afghanistan and around the world
2. [Donate](#):
We are still in need of [Welcome Kits](#) and gift cards! \$25-\$50 cards to Safeway, Fred Meyer, WinCo, Goodwill, and Amazon are especially helpful and can be mailed directly to our office.
3. Connect us! We are looking for:
 - Storage space in the Kent area
 - Mental health professionals willing to lead virtual sessions or share resources (especially those with lived refugee/immigrant experience)
 - Affordable long-term housing for refugees and asylees
 - [Vehicle donations](#)

Peace to you all,

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