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**World Relief North Texas Announces New Office Director, Garrett Pearson**

FORT WORTH, Texas — Today, **Garrett Pearson** was announced as the new office director of World Relief North Texas. Before joining World Relief North Texas, Garrett spent considerable time working with immigrants and refugees both in the U.S. and abroad. In Guatemala’s Santiago Atitlán, Garrett assisted in building a new care home for single mothers and helped with youth development. Prior to joining World Relief, Garrett served as the executive director for City of Refuge in Columbia, Missouri where he worked in fundraising, advocacy advancement and community engagement.

From a young age, Garrett’s hope has been to develop a sense of belonging for every person as they transition into life in the U.S. Garrett’s experiences working in refugee and immigration services have given him a sense of vocation when it comes to building bridges for other people. This passion is what ultimately led Garrett to World Relief North Texas.

“The opportunity to join World Relief, an organization I’ve loved and wanted to be a part of for so long, gives me the opportunity to use all of my skills and gifts to do what I believe God is calling me to do,” **said Pearson**. “World Relief’s mission lines up so well with my desire to engage with churches, communities and families to help the vulnerable. Giving people a sense of belonging is a core part of who I am.”

Originally from Central Texas, Garrett holds a bachelor’s degree in Communications from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He also has a Master of Divinity with a focus in Counseling from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. This year, Garrett completed his second Master’s degree, this time in Business Administration from the University of Kansas.

For over 40 years, World Relief North Texas has come alongside refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States. World Relief North Texas’s dedicated staff and volunteers work to empower both the local church, community organizations and individuals to aid refugees and immigrants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. As the demand for World Relief North Texas’s services has increased in recent years, they have expanded their work beyond refugees to include all immigrants in vulnerable situations.

“I’m really excited about the future of North Texas because I believe there’s a unique opportunity for the church, for Christians and for people in our communities to stand in the gap and to care for the vulnerable,” **said Pearson**. “Bridge building will be an exciting part of the next few years. Because when we build bridges, we can help each other whenever and wherever there is need.”

Ultimately, Garrett hopes the North Texas community will produce more advocates for the refugee community.

“Whether serving refugees from Afghanistan or Burma or Africa, Garrett is a firm believer in the fact that we can work together to create a place for all of us,” **said Jennifer Foy, World Relief vice president of U.S. programs.** “He wants North Texas to be known as a place that welcomes the stranger and integrates them into their community.”

To learn more about World Relief North Texas, visit <https://worldrelief.org/north-texas/>.

### **About World Relief**

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. We aim to tackle the world’s greatest problems with holistic, locally-driven solutions that lead to lasting change – whether in response to disasters, extreme poverty, violence, oppression or mass displacement and immigration. World Relief’s work in the United States, specifically, focuses on helping refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations rebuild their lives in a new country.

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