



# WHY THE CHURCH HELPS REFUGEES

Refugee escaped their home country due to fear of death or persecution. Most have waited years to be resettled due to thorough security processes. The world has come to our doorstep and the church has a unique opportunity to show them the love of Jesus.

## WHO ARE GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAMS

Good Neighbor Teams are church or other Christian groups who welcome and assist a refugee family (or other vulnerable immigrant newcomers) with support from World Relief. Teams walk alongside newcomers, as the body of Christ, through friendship and assisting with needed services.

# WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES

Good Neighbor Teams offer friendship as their new neighbors make a home here. Teams also assist with essential services during the first months after a family arrives. If you approach your new neighbors with humility and a desire to learn, you will likely receive just as much as you give. Get ready for a mutually lifechanging experience!

## **HOW** TEAM MEMBERS BENEFIT

Refugees are not the only ones who lack community when they arrive. In our society, many suffer from loneliness — even in our churches. Team members use their time and talent to make a tangible impact while growing in their understanding of God, the world and themselves. Team members are often transformed through the experiences and the friendships formed.

#### YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOR AMBASSADOR

NAME:

PHONE:

**EMAIL:** 

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www.worldrelief.org/ good-neighbor-teams

## **HOW** TO FORM A GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

- Connect with Good Neighbor Ambassador
- Form a team of 6-12 people (age 18+)
- Training from World Relief staff



### COMMITMENTS

- Minimum 6 months
- Designate roles for each member
- Follow the training and guide



# CONNECTIONS

- · Offer support that leads to selfsufficiency and integration
- Maximize connections and resources to help newcomers resettle
- Be open to learn and receive as well as give and serve



## COLLABORATION

- Financially support the services provided to your team and refugees through World Relief
- Support newcomers in areas like housing setup, language, job search, transportation, health appointments, education and more