



2016 Impact Report

our goal



Nations Ministry's goal is to help refugees become generationally self-sufficient.

JOBS

Refugees are legal immigrants to the US and work eligible from the day they arrive. We help them acquire job training and better paying jobs so they can take care of their families.

EDUCATION

Refugee children often are years behind their peers. Wars kept them from accessing formal education, and in America they have to learn English quickly. We help them overcome these challenges through intensive, individualized reading tutoring and our summer BIG READ.

FAMILY

Families sometimes hit roadblocks on the path to generational self-sufficiency. We help them overcome these barriers and provide additional help as they apply for green cards and US citizenship.



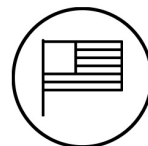
241 community volunteers gave
3,371 hours of service.



You helped refugees find
154 jobs.



You helped 125 refugee families gain
\$1.9 million in extra income.



101 refugees received immigration services.
Families saved \$80,000 in fees.



111 children received individualized reading instruction.
Each child, on average, mastered 9.74 reading levels.

your work



our community



Refugees from Burma fled religious and ethnic persecution. Ka and Paw fled. But they have been rebuilding their lives. They work at Nissan parts suppliers and are thrilled to enjoy the freedoms they have in America.

We are thrilled to serve many refugees from Burma and see every day how they make Middle Tennessee stronger.

This little guy was born in a Ugandan refugee camp. He arrived in the US in September 2015 and is now in second grade. He started our program in June 2016. He started out at a PreK reading level, has now completed 9 Lexia levels, and is now reading on grade level. He brought up both his science and social studies grades from a B to an A.

You've changed his future. Imagine what a great life lies ahead!



There are more children in refugee camps now than since the close of World War II. The world is in crisis. The children left in these camps have no future. They are years behind their peers, have poor medical care, and personal safety is perilous at best. But in America, they can feel safe. They have the opportunity to learn and to become vibrant members of our community. These two sweet girls from the Democratic Republic of Congo missed out on a lot. They are several grades behind, but they are making amazing progress as they become better readers. Thanks to your generosity, their lives, along with many others, are being transformed.

"Working for Nations Ministry Center is, for me, more than just a paycheck. I consider my job like a college student who comes home and helps parents mow the yard as a symbol of gratitude. There is no better feeling than being able to help someone becoming self-sufficient. Being a former refugee myself, I feel like I have a better understanding of the clients I serve. I've walked their walk; I once was a 'beneficiary' of NMC services. More importantly, I can assure them to be in good hands because I am the product of those hands."

Viateur Sibomana, former Burundi refugee who arrived in the US in 2007 and now a US citizen and Nations Ministry staff member



get involved



My father's family came to America as refugees. They came on a ship called the *Charming Betsy*. The year was 1733. They had fled religious persecution and found safety in Pennsylvania. I wonder who helped them when they first came to America. Who helped them? Did they stick together with other German speakers? Were they looked down upon by

those who had already been in America for a generation? Eighteen years after my ancestors came to America, Benjamin Franklin wrote a widely circulated essay condemning the influx of Germans, even said they weren't white enough. He later lost an election, due in part to a loss of support among Pennsylvania Dutch, and changed his tune about immigrants.

Not much has changed.

You stand on the right side of history as you stand with refugees today. You make all that we do for refugees possible. You are truly generous friends. In 2016, you gave \$335,264 to help refugee families become generationally self-sufficient. And we spent \$310,414 on quality services with only 7% going toward fundraising expenses. Every penny of what you gave was used judiciously and for the greatest impact on refugee families.

Your commitment to the right side of history is more important than ever.

With much gratitude,
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1 VOLUNTEER

Read with a child during our summer BIG READ or host a monthly birthday party for the kids in our after-school program. Help out in our office. Coach a refugee in important life skills. Contact Abby Mosby (abby@nationsministrycenter.org) to begin.

2 HIRE A REFUGEE

Refugees bring so much to workplaces. Your company might make a perfect fit for a refugee who is rebuilding their life. Contact Leigh Bonner at jobcoach@nationsministrycenter.org to find out how we might partner together.

3 SPONSOR A CHILD

Your generosity changes the future of refugee children. An annual \$1,200 gift sponsors one child to receive daily homework help, individualized reading tutoring, enrichment events, and an intensive summer reading program. Your generosity will change the trajectory of their lives.



We serve refugee families from all over the world.

connect with us



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