

REFUGEE HOPE INTL

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GROWTH REPORT

Families Served: 117

We have been blessed to serve 12 additional families this quarter! God's grace has enabled us to impact over 40 new refugees.

DIVERSITY REPORT

Countries Represented: 14

Serving clients from: Afghanistan, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Rwanda, South Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, **NEW: Somalia, Tanzania**

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Newsletter, Garage Sales, Visiting Churches, Monetary Donations and Volunteers
NEW: Grant Writing



UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS AT GYC 2024

BY LYNNE OMBATI

I attended my first long-awaited GYC experience in December 2024. I fully expected it would be a blessing — the music, sermons, seminars, outreach — and it was. But little did I know that God had prepared a special blessing through my roommates at the conference, Ms. Karen Yang and RHI Refugee Hellen Abong.

Hellen and I quickly became friends upon our first interaction. She is just about my younger sister's age,

almost always smiling and cheerful, with a certain calmness about her. Being roommates allowed us more time to bond and share before bedtime, on free afternoons, and occasionally when we would go for breakfast together.

I was deeply touched to learn of Hellen's experiences as a refugee from South Sudan.

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She has endured such difficult circumstances and has not seen her siblings for more than seven years, yet it is impossible to tell from the way she carries herself. She aspires to be a nurse and is hopeful about the future, claiming the assurance that God is in control.

During our stay here, Ms. Karen was like a mother to us. She tended to our needs, ensuring that we were well-fed and comfortable, even seeing to my recovery when I caught a cold. During this time, I learnt about her incredible work through Refugee Hope International (RHI) and was incredibly inspired by her heart for people. So, when the opportunity arose to fill out a grant application for RHI, I was more than happy to participate in this process. With the deadline a few

*“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
Isaiah 55:8 NKJV*

days away, we set out to work diligently between our scheduled activities, completing the application in record time with a day to spare.

I marvel and praise God for His providence in leading me to Hellen and Ms. Karen — it was nothing of my own doing. This experience was a clear reminder that God’s plans for us exceed our expectations. As Isaiah 55:8 reminds us, “His thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are His ways our ways...” The time we shared was my biggest blessing at the end of 2024.

UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

-- The House2Home non-profit organization has established a collaborative relationship with RHI. Their focus is on helping individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as supporting refugee families in our community.

-- We are grateful to The Reinhardt Realtor Company for hosting a coat drive this winter. We were pleased to receive over 60 coats and many hats and gloves for both kids and adults of our refugee families this winter.

-- We submitted a grant application to ASI (Adventist Laymen’s Services + Industries). We pray that God will deliver funding for us to continue our ministry efforts.

-- This winter season has been enjoyable as we host gym nights for refugee children and their families at the Seventh-day Adventist School gym every Saturday evening.

Talk To Us

Want to volunteer? Ask us how you can help!

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