



# Refugee Arrivals and Congregational Involvement in 2010

Refugee and Immigration Ministries (RIM)  
 Disciples Home Missions  
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## Resettlement Arrivals

In 2010, the Disciples resettled 1,204 refugees. Disciples are one of the six denominations that resettle refugees through the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program (CWS/IRP), resettling approximately 11% of the CWS/IRP caseload. It should be noted that CWS/IRP is allowed by the U.S. State Department to resettle refugees only where there is a local CWS/IRP affiliate refugee office within 50 miles. This means that Disciples congregations in many parts of the United States are unable to resettle refugees through RIM. Learn more about RIM's refugee resettlement program at: <http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/RIM-Resettlement>.

### States where the Refugees were Resettled

Arizona	77	Nebraska	21
California	86	New Hampshire	2
Colorado	36	New York	101
Connecticut	16	North Carolina	44
Florida	140	Ohio	85
Georgia	54	Oregon	19
Illinois	29	Pennsylvania	47
Indiana	41	Tennessee	26
Kentucky	72	Texas	163
Michigan	20	Virginia	72
Minnesota	53	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,204</b>

### Countries from which the Refugees Fled

Afghanistan	13	Liberia	2
Bhutan	163	Palestine	9
Burma	233	Somalia	97
Burundi	4	The Former USSR:	
Cambodia	7	Belarus	4
Cuba	170	Moldova	7
Democratic Republic of Congo	34	Ukraine	9
Eritrea	30	Uzbekistan	1
Ethiopia	10	Russia	1
Haiti	4	Vietnam	7
Iran	86		
Iraq	313	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,204</b>

## Border Ministries' Arrivals



The Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries (SWGSM) is a border ministry of the Southwest Region which receives major funding and support from Week of Compassion. It is located in Bayview, Texas, and the Rev. Feliberto Pereira is the Executive Director. SWGSM assists persons released from the local Department of Homeland Security detention center to join their friends or relatives who live in other parts of the United States. SWGSM also provides housing, food, medical and legal assistance to persons who must remain in the area pending the outcome of their asylum applications. Learn more about SWGSM's work with refugees and immigrants and its many other border ministries at <http://www.swgsm.org/>. In 2010, SWGSM assisted a total of 196 persons to join their friends and family in other locations, mostly by paying for their bus tickets.

Those persons came from the following countries:

Argentina	1	El Salvador	15	Paraguay	1
Bolivia	1	Guatemala	14	Peru	1
Colombia	5	Honduras	19	Spain	1
Cuba	59	Mexico	49	Venezuela	2
Dominican Republic	2	Nicaragua	20		
Ecuador	5	Panama	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>

They were assisted in their travels to:

California	23	Massachusetts	4	Pennsylvania	4
Colorado	5	Michigan	1	South Carolina	1
Delaware	1	Nevada	5	South Dakota	1
Florida	58	New Jersey	7	Texas	4
Georgia	5	New Mexico	1	Virginia	4
Idaho	4	New York	20	Washington	6
Illinois	10	North Carolina	8	Washington, DC	1
Indiana	1	Ohio	14		
Kansas	2	Oklahoma	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>
Maryland	1	Oregon	4		

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### HumaneBorders

Humane Borders is an ecumenical Border Ministry that was hosted by First Christian Church in Tucson, Arizona for its first 10 years, under the leadership of First Christian's pastor, Rev. Robin Hoover. Humane Borders provides water in the desert for those persons crossing the border seeking opportunities for a new life in the United States. Humane Borders saved many lives during 2010, but it is impossible to know the number of persons assisted. Learn more at <http://www.humaneborders.org/>.

## Congregations Involved in 2010

*The following is based on information available to RIM. We are certain that additional Disciples' congregations were involved in various refugee and immigration ministries in 2010, and we would appreciate knowing about them.*

**Co-sponsors through RIM** – The following congregations were co-sponsors (along with their local CWS/IRP affiliate refugee offices) of refugees resettled through RIM.

- Crestwood, Lexington, KY (Congolese-DRC family of four)
- Douglass Boulevard, Louisville, KY (Burmese family of five)
- Cleveland Heights, Buffalo, NY (Burmese family of five)



**Co-sponsors through Other Agencies** – The following congregations were co-sponsors of refugees resettled through resettlement agencies other than CWS.

- First, Minneapolis, MN (Somali family of eight)
- Spirit of Joy, Lakeville, MN (same family above)
- Amherst Community, Amherst, NY (Cuban family of four)

**Other Assistance to Refugees through RIM** – The following congregations assisted refugees resettled through RIM by providing goods, funds and/or other services.

- New Covenant, Denver, CO (Somali family of ten)
- United, Country Club Hills, IL (Iraqi refugee)
- First, Amarillo, TX (Congolese-DRC family of five)
- New Light, Norfolk, VA (Bhutanese family of five)
- Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach (Bhutanese families of six)
- Woodstock, Woodstock, VA (Iraqi family of five)

**Other Assistance to Refugees through Other Agencies** – The following congregations provided assistance to refugees that were resettled through resettlement agencies other than CWS.

- First Atlanta, Tucker, GA (multiple Burmese families)
- University, Boise, ID (multiple Burmese families and a Sudanese family)
- First, Owensboro, KY (multiple Burmese families)
- Plymouth Creek, Plymouth, MN (Somali family of eight)

**Assisted a CWS/IRP Affiliate Refugee Office** – The following congregations assisted the work of their local CWS/IRP affiliate refugee offices by providing them with funds, goods, space, and/or volunteer time.

First, Huntsville, AL  
Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA  
First, Sacramento, CA  
Central, Denver, CO  
Central, Coral Gables, FL  
Faith, Hollywood, FL  
First, Wilton Manors, FL  
Ray of Hope, Decatur, GA

Peachtree Corners, Norcross, GA  
Sandy Springs, Sandy Springs, GA  
Central, Indianapolis, IN  
Arlington, Lexington, KY  
Crestwood, Lexington, KY  
First, Louisville, KY  
Middletown, Louisville, KY  
Midway, Midway, KY



Lake Harriet, Minneapolis, MN  
Bethany, Lincoln, NE  
East Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
Southview, Lincoln, NE  
First, Greensboro, NC  
Saint Paul's, Raleigh, NC  
First Community, Columbus, OH

Karl Road, Columbus, OH  
Hebron, Hebron, OH  
Bethany, Houston, TX  
Kirkwood South, Houston, TX  
Bon Air, Richmond, VA  
Springfield, Rockville, VA

**Helped Refugee Children** – The following congregation assisted refugee children through the provision of donations for the Kids to Kids program.  
Central, Indianapolis, IN



**Assisted RIM** – The following congregations assisted RIM in community organizing for immigration advocacy or in assisting Haitians admitted after the earthquake.

Eglise Evangelique Marantha, Miami, FL  
Tropical Sands, Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
Sandy Springs, Sandy Springs, GA  
Faith Church of God, Brooklyn, NY  
First, Columbia, SC  
First, Casper, WY

**Helped SWGSM** – The following congregations assisted the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries through the donation of goods, funds, volunteer work groups and /or educational visits.

First, St. Smith, AR  
University Place, Champaign, IL  
First, Auburn, IN  
First, Bardstown, KY  
Central, Lexington, KY  
Crestwood, Lexington, KY  
First, Clever, MO  
Broadway, Columbia, MO  
First, Macon, MO  
Rosendale, Rosendale, MO  
First, Alamogordo, NM  
Hillyer Memorial, Raleigh, NC  
Faith Community, Choctaw, OK  
Central, Enid, OK  
First, Stillwater, OK  
Brook Hallow, Abilene, TX  
First, Abilene, TX  
Arden Road, Amarillo, TX  
First, Amarillo, TX  
Northwest Arlington, TX  
Rush Creek, Arlington, TX  
Hyde Park, Austin, TX  
Shepherd of the Hills, Austin, TX

University, Austin, TX  
Azle, Azle, TX  
First, Beaumont, TX  
First, Bonham, TX  
First, Brownfield, TX  
First, Bryan, TX  
First, Burkburnett, TX  
First, Burnet, TX  
First, Carrollton, TX  
First, Cleburne, TX  
Casa View, Dallas, TX  
Central, Dallas, TX  
Highlands, Dallas, TX  
Midway Hills, Dallas, TX  
Northway, Dallas, TX  
Oasis de Esperanza, Dallas, TX  
First, Edinburg, TX  
United Memorial, Euless, TX  
First, Ft. Worth, TX  
South Hills, Ft. Worth, TX  
University, Ft. Worth, TX  
First, Gladewater, TX  
First, Granbury, TX



Bethany, Houston, TX  
El Redentor, Houston, TX  
Kirkwood South, Houston, TX  
Memorial Dr., Houston, TX  
First, Huntsville, TX  
Hurst, Hurst, TX  
First, Kingsville, TX  
First, Lake Jackson, TX  
First, Lexington, TX  
First, Lockhart, TX  
Ebenezer, Los Fresnos, TX  
First, Laredo, TX  
Community, Lubbock, TX  
First, Lubbock, TX  
Lubbockview, Lubbock, TX  
First, Lufkin, TX  
Primera, McAllen, TX  
First, McKinney, TX  
First, Miami, TX  
First, Midland, TX  
Memorial, Midland, TX  
First, Nacogdoches, TX

Bethany, Odessa, TX  
First, Pampa, TX  
First, Pasadena, TX  
First, Plainview, TX  
First, Plano, TX  
First, Port Arthur, TX  
Primera, Raymondville, TX  
First, Rockwall, TX  
Round Rock, Round Rock, TX  
First, San Angelo, TX  
Marbach, San Antonio, TX  
Roca de Salvacion, San Antonio, TX  
Western Hills, San Antonio, TX  
Emmanuel, San Benito, TX  
First, San Marcos, TX  
Cypress Creek, Spring, TX  
First, Temple, TX  
The Woodlands, The Woodlands, TX  
First, Tyler, TX  
Park Place, Wichita Falls, TX

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