"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"
Matthew 25:35

Rooted in faith, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) believes that we are called to welcome individuals fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in America. Over the years, our work has grown to encompass a wide-range of services:

- **Refugee Resettlement**—As a vital arm of the U.S. refugee resettlement program, LIRS pairs refugees with LIRS service partners who are uniquely equipped to support them.
- **Empowering New Americans**—LIRS works to empower the people we serve through employment services, targeted education, and advocacy & leadership training.
- **Foster Care & Family Reunification**—LIRS works with vulnerable migrant youth and families to ensure that children in our network grow up in a safe, loving home.
- **Immigration Detention Services**—LIRS provides legal resources, visitation ministry, and post-release services to individuals in immigration detention.
- **Community Engagement**—Leveraging a nationwide network of service partners and congregations, LIRS equips communities to walk alongside and support their new neighbors.

Since 1939, LIRS has helped over 500,000 migrants and refugees rebuild their lives in America. We invite you to join us in this compassionate work of welcome.
As a witness to God’s love for all people, we stand with and advocate for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice.

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About your own family migration story and engage with newcomers in your community.
Out and advocate for policies that protect refugees and neighbors.

Pray
For migrants and refugees who are your neighbors.
For migrants and refugees and places of conflict around the globe.

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A gift to transform the lives of refugees.
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