

# Connecting people to Jesus and to their neighbors



## Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations  
reaching out to People from All Nations*

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Imagine arriving in a foreign country with no possessions. You're not there to visit—you're seeking freedom, safety and a better life. But you don't speak the language, you have no job, and you don't know where you'll live. You don't know how to navigate the complex systems, and you have few or no friends.

This is what many refugees and immigrants face the moment they reach U.S. soil. They are safe but in a strange land.

Many of these people arrive in Dallas. Each of these people is a beloved child of God, and He's placing them on our doorstep.

Disciples of the Way ministries (DOW) is a ministry of people from all nations connecting people of all nations to one another. DOW is ready, willing and able to help the constant stream of people He has

sent our way.



### Opportunity: A Flood from Iraq (at Vickery Meadow, Dallas)

In March of 2003, U.S. forces invaded Iraq and Saddam's regime fell. The war officially ended in October of 2011. The war and the subsequent fighting within itself Iraq created a constant stream of refugees.

Most Iraq refugees went to countries in the Middle East, but many came to the United States. Today, there are over 76,000 Arabs living in Dallas alone and many live close to DOW's office. Vickery Meadow area is the home of 37,000 refugees giving DOW's mission the perfect ripe harvest to make disciples makers from all nations according to **Matthew 28:19-20**.

When you support the mission of DOW, when you pray for the workers of DOW, when you volunteer and participate in the ministry of DOW **you are indeed connecting people to Jesus and to their neighbors**. Some can give, some can serve and volunteer, but all can pray. And this sums up the greatest commandment. Love God ... Love your neighbor" **Matthew 22:37-39**

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**Fatima & Miriam & Ali**  
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**Fatima**

Fatima is nine and has a father, mother and two older brothers who recently became U.S. Citizens. They've been involved with DOW since 2012 when they came to the U.S. as refugees. Her parents began attending DOW's ESL classes and Fatima's mother came to the SSOF program to learn to sew, to be able to enjoy fellowship with other ethnic women, and hear devotions in both Arabic and







### Miriam:

Miriam (in the wheelchair) has a father, mother, and a younger brother and sister. Miriam is 21 and has Downs Syndrome. The family has been in the U.S. for about 6 months. Prior to this time they were in a refugee camp in Turkey for 10 years waiting for their papers to allow them to come to the U.S. as refugees.

DOW's Refugee Service Care Center (RSCC) will be assisting the family with services that are available for Miriam. We

will continue to reach out to the family with fellowship--showing God's love. Our RSCC will be assisting them in acclimation to their new life in the U.S., just like we did for Fatima's and Ali's families.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* **Matthew 5:16**



### Ali

Ali was born in Iraq and has Spinal Bifida. He is now 12 years old and lives with his father, mother, older sister and younger brother. The family came to the U.S. as refugees when Ali was only a year old. Ali's parents came to DOW in 2012 for ESL classes. His mother attended DOW's SSOF (Sewing Seeds of Faith) program and became a proficient seamstress. She now leads DOW's sewing ministry

program. Ali is very intelligent and learned to speak English at an early age! Ali attends school in the Dallas ISD. Both parents studied with DOW and are now good law-abiding U.S. Citizens. DOW assisted the family in finding Ali medical care and therapy. When his mother needed a car, DOW assisted her to find and purchase a car, and learn to drive, so she can take him to the hospital and to his medical appointments.

Ali and his mother continue to be part of our extended family and attend all special events,

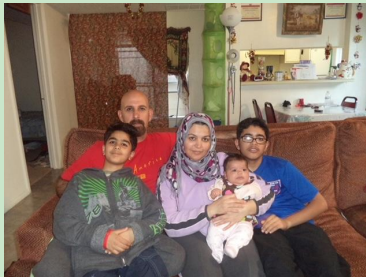


especially DOW's Mother & Child Christmas Celebration. She also attends weekly devotions and Bible Study with other women from all nations. Acts 2:37-47



## CONCLUSION:

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## Rev Jonathan Meyer's Family visit to DOW



Thank you to Rev. Jonathan Meyer and his family (St. James Lutheran Church, Lexington & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor) for their visit to DOW in June. This is what Pastor Jonathan had to say about his visit to DOW's ministry. *"It was a true pleasure and great honor to witness the beautiful work that our Lord Jesus is doing in your midst – in and through you and others at DOW. God continue to richly bless you all there, as we both know He will since He has made the promise!"* We thank God for the friendship and partnership of Pastor Meyer and his family in the Gospel to our Muslim neighbors.

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If you are going to be in the Dallas area, please contact us and schedule a time "to come and see" DOW doing its ministry "one person, one family, one ministry at a time".

**Your support & prayers help DOW continue to bring the Gospel of Peace & Comfort of the Crucified and Risen Christ to our Muslim Neighbors in Dallas, Texas!**

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