



WHAT LIFE IS LIKE

Heron is a middle school student who has lived in the United States with a foster family since 2017. He often thinks about his parents in Myanmar, who placed him on a boat to escape in hopes they would one day join him in the USA.

Heron often wishes he was older with the financial ability to ensure his family in Myanmar could afford shelter, food, and safety. Currently, he is working hard to learn English and make friends. Heron feels trapped and isolated, and his peers don't understand why his family is separated.

PRAY FOR ROHINGYA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATISTICS

There are a minimum of 10,000 Rohingya refugees living in the United States. Although the exact numbers are difficult to calculate, large groups of Rohingya families are located in a few major cities. One of the largest groups can be found in Chicago, IL, where approximately 400 families reside near the Rohingya Cultural Centre that opened in 2016. Milwaukee, WI, is the home to a large community of Karen minority Rohingya. Over 300 families are reported to live in Atlanta, GA, and Dallas, TX. Other known locations of small Rohingya populations include Phoenix, AZ, and Seattle, WA.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- Pray for awareness to be spread, that the church and believers in the United States would find ways to reach their local Rohingya populations with the gospel.
- Pray for the organizations laboring to reach the Rohingya populations to continue to have the resources and workers available to serve families.
- Pray for the education of Rohingya children to overcome obstacles and receive the assistance they need to become successful students.
- Pray for the Rohingya that are interested in having a relationship with Christ to overcome the fear and challenges of being distanced from their Muslim community
- Pray that the Rohingya believers would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to share with other family members and those in their communities.

CHALLENGES

WHAT CHALLENGES DO THE ROHINGYA FACE IN THE U.S.A?

01 ENGLISH

02 HIGH COST OF LIVING

03 EMPLOYMENT

04 SUPPORT SERVICES

05 ISOLATION AND LONELINESS



01 ENGLISH Without the ability to speak English, important tasks such as enrolling their children in school can feel impossible. There are very few resources or organizations to aid in the integration of refugee families.

02 THE HIGH COST OF LIVING The high cost of living, including the need for housing and transportation is a challenge to many.

03 EMPLOYMENT Many Rohingya hold temporary or low skilled employment, leaving them and their families vulnerable in a changing economy

04 SUPPORT SERVICES Many Rohingya do not access any support services. There is a lack of research, knowledge, and communication of the needs of the Rohingya populations with relief organizations and local churches.

05 ISOLATION AND LONELINESS There is isolation and loneliness that comes with living in a new country, without knowing the language. Typically, extended or immediate family members are unable to join their relatives in the USA.

HOW IS THE LOCAL CHURCH RESPONDING?

Many churches have partnered with overseas organizations to provide relief abroad. However, awareness of the Rohingya in the USA is lacking. In addition, there are communication challenges in reaching out to Rohingya people and helping them in a holistic way. The local church is still learning about the Rohingya in the USA and how to serve them.



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