REFUGEE COMMUNITY ESL

LOVE THE CITY

FOR THE CITY
OVERVIEW

When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, one of the greatest challenges they face is overcoming a significant language barrier. The English Second Language (ESL) class provides a safe, engaging, and relational environment for these men and women to tackle the task of learning the language in a community setting.

VISION

In Texas, 3.6 million people are Limited English proficient, which means they speak little to no English. Additionally, Texas resettles more refugees than any other state in the country. These realities create a unique opportunity to obey the Bible’s commands to love our neighbor by providing an avenue to learn a foreign language and ease the barriers around communication in their lives. Through the ESL class, foundational language skills are developed in a relational environment that works to meet the physical, relational, and spiritual needs of participants.

2021 IMPACT

In 2021, roughly 20 volunteers served refugees by participating in the ESL classes and helping the refugees learn English through conversation and building relationship.

GET INVOLVED

You don’t need to be bilingual to help out! Volunteers are given basic but effective coaching that enables them to lead language learning through conversation. This means that if you can speak English, you can help refugees learn the language!

The strongest contributing factor to a refugee’s ability to learn language is consistency. For this reason, we’re looking for commitment. Volunteers are asked to come consistently to class, work to develop lifelong friendships, and help refugees practice speaking a new language. Through this commitment to faithfully serve refugees, you can change lives.

This program runs Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm and volunteers are asked to serve 2-3x per month.

To volunteer scan this QR code.