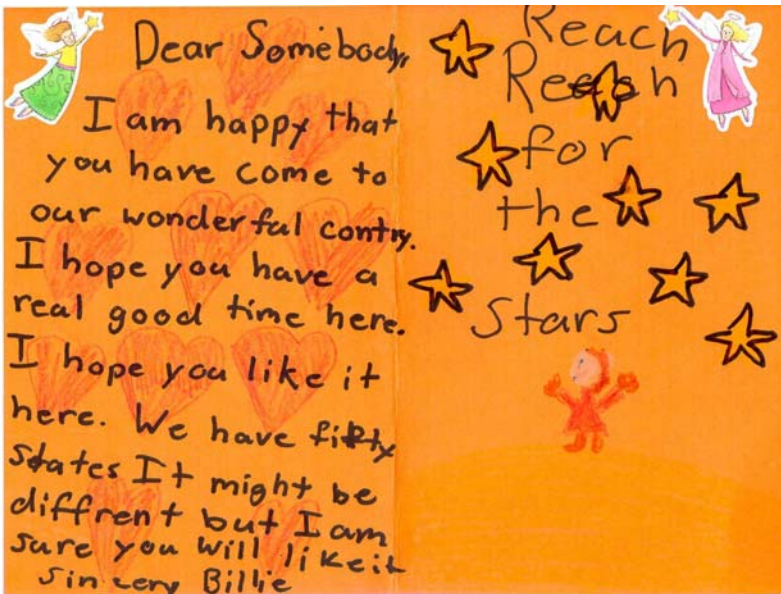


## Sending welcome cards!

Refugees arrive in the United States by plane, by boat and by walking across a border. The refugees that arrive by plane often go to churches that are going to be their sponsors. When they arrive at the airport, they don't know what to expect. Will there be anyone there to meet them? Will the people be friendly? Will they have a place to spend the night? Will they have food? The refugees are often surprised to see a large group of people waiting for them.

Other refugees that arrive by plane don't have a church waiting to welcome them. Instead, they have relatives, friends, or staff of the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program

affiliates that are waiting to welcome them. Sometimes it is not a large group of people waiting for them. You can make it seem like a large group of welcoming people - maybe not in person, but by sending your welcome greetings to the refugees. Make greeting cards to welcome refugees to the U.S., tell them what life will be like here, and make pretty pictures on the cards (in case the refugees can't speak English). Our Refugee and Immigration Ministries program will get your cards to a Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program affiliate that is going to the airport to pick up the refugees.



Greeting card made by kid at  
First Christian Church, Newton, Kansas

Sudanese refugees wait at the  
Cairo airport for their flight to  
the United States





Burmese refugees welcomed at Phoenix airport by members of Chalice Christian Church, Gilbert, Arizona

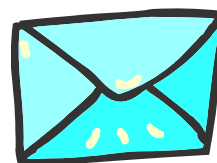


Somalian refugees welcomed at Phoenix airport by members of First Christian Church, Mesa, Arizona

**Where to send cards:**

Welcome cards will be distributed to Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program affiliates that go to the airport to meet arriving refugee children. The Disciples' Refugee and Immigration Ministries program will forward your cards to these affiliates. Send your cards to:

Refugee and Immigration Ministries  
Disciples Home Missions  
P.O. Box 1986  
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