

help a refugee family

Parley's Creek Swahili Branch

Befriending and mentoring African refugees is rewarding, educational, enlightening, and even daunting. We hope you'll join us.

Resource Coordinator Mentors:

Like a good ward minister you seek to become friends and helpmeets as well as the point person to assist in times of need. You are primarily a resource coordinator. You are not expected, nor do we encourage you, to personally provide any financial or material assistance. Training provided.

- 1-2 hours a week, sometimes in their home
- 6 month commitment
- No special language skills needed
- Patience and a willingness to listen and learn
- A desire and willingness to get to know the individual or family members and their needs
- Be willing to help them create and maintain a budget
- You are encouraged to enlist help from other resources including state and private resources (you will be given a list of resources) in addition to family, friends, and others you feel can be of help.

Resource Mentors:

If being primary mentor sounds like more than you are able to take on then consider less intensive engagement working under a primary mentor. You could choose to do such things as:

- Teaching how to parent and manage school needs and assignments
- Helping establish a budget and manage money
- Help better utilize state agency and refugee resources
- Teach self reliance
- Help teach reading and writing skills
- Time commitment varies, 1-2 hours a week, often in their home

Child Reading and Homework Mentors:

Because parents often are struggling to learn the culture and language, they are unable to effectively help their children with reading and school. This means the children often fall behind.

- Meet 1-2 hours a week, usually in their home
- Decent reading skills and a willingness to help follow up with assignments
- No special language skills needed

Drivers:

There is often a need for regular and on call drivers for Sundays and Wednesdays.

- Have a reliable car
- Able to drive on a Sunday either at 11:30 am or 3:30 pm. Branch building is at 3805 S Main, SLC and meets from 12:30-2:30pm
- Or Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm or 8:30 pm
- Cell phone for communication

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For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. - Matthew 25: 35,36