

Reaching immigrants and refugees

Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas (MEMNT) strives to obey Jesus' command in Matt. 28:19-20:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

This outreach program is led by Rev. Dr. Solomon Yadessa and overseen by Revs. James Woelmer, Faith, Plano, and Brent McGuire, Our Redeemer, Dallas, along with an advisory board. MEMNT works to achieve its goal by ministering to the spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs of immigrants.

Vickery Meadow Apartments, a housing complex in Dallas, is home to immigrants from 220 countries and has more than 35,000 residents. The physical needs of the people are great and help takes many forms. In seeking to meet these physical needs, this ministry provides transportation for doctor visits and job interviews, and help with finding beneficial resources and completing applications. The ESL and computer classes and various tutorials offered are among the services available to the many immigrants in the area. The ESL program



African immigrants enjoy fellowship following worship. The service is led by Rev. Dr. Solomon Yadessa, pictured in center.

continually provides opportunities for the ministry to come into contact with people from many nations.

The most important aspect of this ministry remains meeting spiritual needs. Baptism, confirmation and worship are offered and encouraged. The Saturday program remains a vital part of reaching the refugee youth. Children are transported to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for Bible study, meals and activities. Vickery Meadow has limited outdoor space, so the Saturday

program gives the children a safe place to play.

The world's mission field has come to Dallas and LWML Texas District has aided the ministry through two separate grants funded in 2018 and 2020. May God be glorified in, with and through the work being done by this ministry and the generous mite offerings from the LWML Texas District.

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