

a story from Chicago Christian Church

In early 2024, **시카고 크리스천 교회** (Chicago Christian Church), a Korean-speaking Disciples church in Des Plaines IL, received a Week of Compassion Equity Grant for Refugee Response. Within a few months, the church had partnered with **Exodus World Service**, a local refugee service organization, to welcome two refugee families, helping them set up new apartments in the Chicago-land area!

Welcome Kits were delivered by church members, helping the family with everything from mattresses and bedding, to dishes and utensils, to cleaning products and toiletries, plus welcome signs and literal tool kits to make their new houses into true homes. They also returned once the families had settled to spend time meeting them and praying together, welcoming them into their new communities.

Cindy Kim-Hengst, a lay leader at Chicago Christian Church said, “Exodus World Service wanted me to share with you that they are EXTREMELY grateful for the grant dollars that Week of Compassion has specifically allocated to refugee response. They are overwhelmed with refugees coming to Chicago and cannot keep up with the demand. The kits that we are able to provide are a huge blessing to them. **We are grateful for these partners in ministry, and for the opportunity to express God's love.**”

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For more information about Week of Compassion's ministry in **immigrant and refugee response**, and how Week of Compassion can support your church in this important work, visit weekofcompassion.org/refugees.