



## New Year 2022 Update

The [World Migration Report 2022](#), recently published by the United Nations, estimates that there are now 281 million international migrants globally (or 3.6% of the world's population). While the vast majority of people in the world continue to live in the country in which they were born, more people are migrating to other countries, especially those within their region. COVID-19 has caused significant disruption and global displacement is currently at a record high, with the number of internally displaced at around 55 million and the number of refugees at over 26 million.

In the face of a huge global refugee tragedy, Louth Churches for Refugees represents a practical response providing direct support at a local level. We continue to support a resettled refugee family in Louth within the government's Community Sponsorship programme. In one of our recent meetings with the family we spent time reviewing support which has been in place since their arrival in Louth and the way in which those arrangements will evolve into the future. We continue to be encouraged by the family's resilience in settling in and in the children's educational achievements which are so positive to see.

We're currently progressing with plans to welcome a second resettled family to Louth and we are hoping to have secured a suitable property soon. In anticipation of the second family's needs, we are continuing to seek donated household furnishings. Please get in touch if you are able to help and to discuss transport/storage of any items you are able to offer.

We are very grateful for all financial donations towards our work and we're delighted to welcome several new regular donors who are joining those who contribute monthly by standing order. Could you consider making a commitment to support a refugee family in this way? Details can be found on our website. We suggest a contribution of £5 per month for 24 months, or as much as you can afford. Thank you.

The work of Louth Churches for Refugees is grounded in prayer. As a new year begins we invite you to remember our work in your prayers, and to pray for all those seeking safety from conflict and danger across the world. You may like to use this prayer:

*O God, you welcome all your children.  
Help us open our hearts to all who are searching for asylum and the promise of a new life.  
Root out fear from our souls  
and give us the courage and the compassion to embrace all people.  
We ask this in the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

Thank you for your interest in and support for Louth Churches for Refugees and we look forward to hearing from you about any help you are able to give. Our website has further information and we post regular updates on Facebook. Please follow us and let your friends, family and neighbours know about our work as we seek to broaden our network of support. You can get in touch by using the contact form on our website.

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