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Worship Resources

RESPONSIVE READING #1

BASED ON JOHN 10:10

Leader reads the light print

Congregation reads the bold print

All read the italicized print

For Christ says, I am the good shepherd.

I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly.

When people form together on equal ground,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people realize everyone has something they can share with the community,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people develop new skills to earn a living or help the community,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people are empowered to find solutions within themselves and their communities,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people realize they have talents and resources, not just needs,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people believe in their God-given talents,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

When people are encouraged to become leaders and make change,

They find life more abundantly in Christ.

Christ, help us come alongside each other, acknowledge everyone's abilities and work together for good so that we may all find life more abundantly in You.

Amen



RESPONSIVE READING #2

BASED ON JOHN 10:10

Leader reads light print

Congregation reads the bold print

All read the italicized print

Many people in our world have been forced to flee their homes.

Lord, be their shelter when they seem to have none.

They flee due to violence and cannot return.

Lord, protect your people and guide their journeys.

Many of these refugees have arrived in our country as they flee.

Lord, help us welcome our new neighbors with love and kindness.

The journey to a new life is long, hard and lonely.

Lord, make us vessels of your peace and comfort.

After arriving in their new homes, many new challenges arise for refugees.

Lord, lift up those, like Karen Morrow, who seek to aid their refugee neighbors.

As the Church, we are called to care for the foreigner among us.

Lord, reveal to us ways to support our refugee neighbors in their need.

God loves all people, even when they have experienced persecution and violence in this world.

Lord, help us show our refugee neighbors your love, especially in the midst of hard times.

Lord help us all together draw closer to You, that we may have life and have it more abundantly.

Amen



CHILDREN'S SERMON #1

PREPARATION:

Have available a map or globe that clearly shows Togo and the picture of Mike and Lynn Hutchinson found at www.cbf.net/.

SAY:

Good morning, everyone! Who's excited to be here this morning? I know I'm excited that you are all here. Today we're learning about some people who live far away in a country called Togo in West Africa. Let's see if we can find Togo on our map/globe and see how far it is from us. (Help children locate Togo and your general area on your map/globe)

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has sent Mike and Lynn Hutchinson to live and work in Togo. Their job in Togo is to get to know their community and neighbors.

ASK:

Do you know your neighbors and the people who live in your community? What is something you know about your community and neighbors?

SAY:

As Mike and Lynn get to know their neighbors and the community, they learn about the things people need and want to help make the community better.

ASK:

Are there ways you help your neighbors and make your community better? (Help children come up with simple things they can do to help their neighbors)

SAY:

Mike and Lynn find ways to help their neighbors, just like you! For example, the kids in their community have to learn English in school. This is hard for the kids because they don't speak English in Togo. But Mike and Lynn speak English, so they started an English club to help teach the kids! They also have an art club, a soccer club, a Bible story club, summer camp and special events for kids in the community. Mike and Lynn help the adults in the community too.

The Hutchinsons have a special place where people come together and do all these fun activities. It's called Togo House. Adults and kids love coming to Togo House because they learn new things and have lots of fun!

Another important thing Mike and Lynn teach at Togo House is that everyone has different things they are good at doing and everyone can help make the community better if they work together!

ASK:

What are some things you are really good at doing? (Let children provide some answers.) What are some things other people like your mom, dad, brother, sister or friend are really good at doing?

SAY:

These are all great and helpful things! And everyone has different things they are good at doing. We all have something we can do to help and make a difference. Mike and Lynn help the people in their community in Togo understand that too. We all can do great things and help the community if we just try!

PRAY:

Dear God,

Thank you for Mike and Lynn Hutchinson and their community in Togo. We are so glad that Mike and Lynn are able to help the people of Togo learn new things and understand that they can each make a difference. Help the people of Togo realize they are able to do big things if they just try. And help us know that we can too!

Amen



CHILDREN'S SERMON #2

PREPARATION:

Print the picture of Karen Morrow found at www.cbf.net/

SAY:

Good morning! I'm so glad each of you is here with us this morning.

ASK:

Have you ever gone somewhere new where you didn't know anyone? How did you feel? Maybe you felt like you didn't have any friends or didn't know anyone. Maybe you felt like everything was new and that was scary.

SAY:

Did you know that here in the United States there are many people who lived somewhere far away in a different country and have moved to the United States? For them, everything about life here is new. They may not speak English. The weather is probably very different from where they lived before. They probably ate different food, and the food here might taste funny to them. There are lots of things that are different and new to someone who has come here from another country. Since everything is new and different, it can be a little scary.

But today we're going to learn about a friend who helps people who are new to the United States and helps make them feel welcome. (Hold up the picture of Karen Morrow.) Karen Morrow works for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, serving people just like this in Texas. Karen becomes friends with her neighbors from other places. She helps them learn about the United States and begin their new lives here. Karen helps whole families, even the kids. One program Karen has to help the children in her community is called Ready for School. She teaches kids and their parents what it is like to go to school in the United States, because school is going to be very new and scary for them.

ASK:

Before you started school, did your mom or dad tell you what school would be like? Or, did you go to a preschool where you got to see what school would be like? Karen helps children new to the United States learn about school because their moms and dads don't know about schools here either.

SAY:

Plus, as Karen helps her new friends learn about the United States, she also gets to learn lots of cool things about their countries too! For example, do you know how to say 'hello' in Arabic? Karen learned that her friends from the Middle East who speak Arabic say 'marhaba' instead of 'hello.' She also learned that her friends from Africa often wear really bright clothes with lots of patterns on them.

You know what? You can help and learn from others just like Karen! If you meet someone who is from a different place or seems scared to be in a new place, you can be their friend! You can help them learn about their new home and show them that you want to learn about their old home too.

PRAY:

Dear God,

Thank you for Karen Morrow and the way she loves our new neighbors who have to learn all about their new home. Thank you for the Ready for School program she runs to help children be ready to start school in the United States. Help us to be friends to others around us who are new to the United States just like Karen. Help us teach our new friends about their new home and help us learn about their old homes.

In Jesus's name,
Amen.



MIKE & LYNN HUTCHINSON

FACT SHEET

- Mike and Lynn Hutchinson live and serve in Lomé, Togo.
- Togo is a small country on the coast of West Africa.
- Togo is one of the 10 poorest countries in the world.
- The Hutchinsons get to know their neighbors and help them solve the problems in their community themselves.
- They do this by helping people learn new skills and grow into the people God made them to be.
- They also help communities use the resources they already have to make the community better.
- Mike and Lynn run a ministry called Togo House.
- Togo House has classes for both adults and children.
- Children can be a part of Togo House's Bible story club, art club, English club, soccer club, summer camp, Sunday worship and special events.
- Adults can be a part of Togo House's Sunday worship, skills classes (such as baking and art projects), English classes and special events.
- Togo House even sometimes creates new classes when the community says they need something.
- Outside of Togo House, Mike and Lynn lead community projects like composting, planting trees, sweeping streets and more.
- The Hutchinsons also help youth and young adults grow as leaders by helping with Togo House programs.



KAREN MORROW

FACT SHEET

- Karen Morrow lives and serves in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Karen gets to know and help immigrants and refugees who live in her area. These are people who have moved to the United States from another country.
- Immigrants and refugees are new to the United States, so they have a lot to learn about the United States and its culture.
- It can be very hard for immigrants and refugees to get used to a new country.
- Karen helps immigrants and refugees in her community learn about American culture and get used to their new home.
- She becomes friends with her immigrant and refugee neighbors and helps with things like welcome bags, food, shelter, household items, clothing, small medical kits, relationships and a sense of community.
- Karen shares meals with her new friends and helps them with tasks like grocery shopping, going to the doctor and more.
- While teaching her new friends about America, Karen also learns about the home countries of her immigrant and refugee friends.
- Karen also helps with a program called Ready for School that helps immigrant and refugee children and their parents prepare for school in the United States.

