WHO IS A REFUGEE?
A refugee is someone who has fled one's home country and cannot return because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

18 months to 3 years
average duration of processing time before a refugee enters the U.S.

REFERRAL TO THE U.S.
A refugee is referred to the United States for resettlement by the UN, U.S. Embassy or NGO.

IN-PERSON INTERVIEW
A U.S. Homeland Security officer conducts a detailed interview face to face with all refugees.

MEDICAL SCREENING
The refugee that has been conditionally approved goes through a medical screening.

CULTURAL ORIENTATION
Refugees approved for resettlement are offered cultural orientation while waiting for final processing.

AIRPORT CHECK
Refugees are checked again at airport to ensure the arriving refugee is the same person who was screened and approved for admission.

Sources: Migration Policy Institute, Refugee Council USA, U.S. Department of State

World Relief provides initial resettlement and placement as well as employment, education and legal services for refugees arriving in the United States. Collaborating with local churches and volunteers, World Relief comes alongside vulnerable families as they begin their lives in the U.S. Since 1979, World Relief has helped resettle more than 260,000 refugees from over 60 nations.