



**Pacific Basin
Initiative**

Welcoming the Stranger: Advocating for Migrant Communities

Scripture: Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

In the dynamic tapestry of the Pacific Basin, amidst the ebb and flow of migration, the plight of migrant communities and minorities emerges. They face a myriad of challenges, from violations of their rights to displacement driven by climate change and governmental policies.

Scripture Reflection:

Romans 15:7 reminds us of Christ's call to welcome one another, mirroring the hospitality He has shown us. In our interactions with migrant communities and minorities, may we extend this same embrace of love and acceptance.

Partners in Hong Kong and Korea stand as advocates for the rights of migrant workers, embodying the spirit of welcome in their host communities.

In the Philippines, partners tirelessly advocate for the rights of indigenous groups displaced from their lands by governmental and corporate interests.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific Islands, conversations arise about identity and cultural preservation in the face of climate-induced migration.

As we navigate these complexities, may we heed the call to advocacy and compassion, recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of every individual.

Together, let us strive to create communities where all are welcomed, cherished, and empowered to thrive, for in doing so, we reflect the glory of

God.

Amen.



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Reflection Questions

1. Reflecting on your own life, when have you experienced the acceptance of Christ? How has this acceptance transformed your relationships with others?
2. What barriers or biases do you find challenging to overcome in accepting others as Christ accepted you? How can you actively work to overcome these obstacles?
3. In what ways does accepting one another reflect the glory of God? How can our relationships with others serve as a testimony to God's grace and love?
4. Think about a time when you struggled to accept someone who was different from you. How might embracing Christ's example of acceptance have changed the outcome of that situation?
5. How can cultivating a spirit of acceptance within your community or circle of influence contribute to building unity and fostering a sense of belonging among diverse individuals?
6. How did watching these videos influence your emotional state or inner sense of well-being?
7. Which elements emphasized in the videos do you feel moved to incorporate into your prayers?
8. What practical steps can you take to actively support and advance the cause or storyline depicted in these videos?