



## December 2022

Dear Friends,

One of the hard realities I've had to come to terms with over the past eight years of serving in refugee care is that there is so much waiting. I share a few thoughts on waiting during this Advent season in this video message.



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Right now, as I'm writing this letter to you, I find myself waiting in so many ways related to refugee care:

- Will a family from Afghanistan be granted refuge in another country (since the path to safety here in the U.S. seems to have closed), and will they be able to escape Afghanistan safely?
- Will a husband and wife who have been separated for years due to forced displacement finally be reunited?
- Will one of the churches I've asked to sponsor a refugee family step forward in faith and say yes? If not, is there another path to refuge for them, or will they continue to live in a precarious situation?
- Will we raise the funds needed to support the RCA Global Mission South Sudan Refugee Care Project by June?
- Will we see a decrease or an increase in violent conflict around the world next year? Persecution? Human trafficking and exploitation? Droughts? Famine? Political corruption or instability? Economic collapse? How will this present new opportunities (or new obstacles) to ministry?

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As I wait...

As the people in the situations mentioned above wait (knowing that their lives and liberties are at risk everyday)...

Will you join me in praying for God's protection and guidance?

Will you join me in praying that, while waiting, that they, too, will experience hope, peace, love and joy in profound ways?

If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with me as you, too, wait in this season of Advent, I will join you in prayer so that you aren't waiting alone. You can email me your prayer requests at [jjtenclay@rca.org](mailto:jjtenclay@rca.org).

Faithfully Waiting,

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