

transforum toolbox

I M M I G R A T I O N

IMMIGRATION OVERVIEW

Definitions:

- **Immigration** – *the movement of people into another country or region to which they are not native in order to settle there.*
- **Immigrant** – *a person who migrates to another country, usually for permanent residence.*

Some Statistics

- Of the more than 31 million foreign-born people living in the US, 75% are legal immigrants with permanent visas. Of the remaining 25% that are undocumented, nearly half (45%) of them entered the country legally and then let their papers expire.
- There are approximately a half million illegal entries into the United States each year.
- An estimated half to three quarters of undocumented immigrants pay federal, state, and local taxes, including up to \$7 billion in social security taxes for benefits they will never get.
- The majority of immigrants speak English well, but the demand for ESL instruction far exceeds the available classes.
- In 2011 at least 5,100 citizen children of undocumented immigrants were living in foster care because their parents were detained or deported.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Casa De Paz

[facebook.com/casadepazcolorado](https://www.facebook.com/casadepazcolorado)
(House of Peace) offers free lodging and meals to guests visiting their loved ones held inside immigration detention centers in Colorado.

Confluence Ministries

confluenceministries.org
Works to connect diverse people, organization and resources to impact lives through acts of mercy and empowering services, including ESL, GED courses and Citizenship Preparation.

Restoration Outreach Programs

restorationoutreachprograms.org
Committed to serving the community and bringing hope to Aurora, building relationships with and meeting needs of at-risk youth, and helping to empower individuals to live lives of freedom and self-sufficiency, breaking bonds of poverty and despair.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & REFLECTION

Website

Evangelical Immigration Table
evangelicalimmigrationtable.com

Video

“Urban Entry Volume 4: Send These”
by Urban Entry (urbanentry.org)

Book

Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible by Dr. Danny Carroll

Book

Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate
by Matthew Soerens

responding to

the call

JUSTICE. MERCY. GOD.

Micah 6:8 Action Notes

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FEEL LED TO BEGIN A MINISTRY?

PRAY: Ask God for His calling and clear leading

WRITE: Write down your ministry idea in as much detail as possible

CALL: Set a time to meet with one of our pastors to think, discuss and pray through your vision and potential next steps.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

“I Was A Stranger” Challenge:
set aside 40 days to seek
God’s heart through prayer
and reading one Bible
passage a day related to God’s
heart for the immigrant.

[evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/
iwasastranger](http://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/iwasastranger)