

# Exodus World Service

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***Refugees Walk Hundreds of Miles to Find Safety...***  
*Will you walk to help them?*

## **Run/Walk for Refugees**

Saturday, September 6

Historic Long Grove, near the intersection of Rts. 83 and 53

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. registration; 8:30 a.m. step-off

Help us connect weary refugees with caring volunteers. The funds raised from the Run/Walk for Refugees will provide a warm welcome to families from Burma, Iraq, Sudan and other countries who will arrive in the Chicagoland area in the next few months.

Main event sponsor [Genesis Orthopedics and Sports Medicine](#)

[Register on-line](#) or contact Laurie Fuchs at 630/307-1400 x100.



## **Refugee to Represent U.S. in Olympics**

Sudanese refugee Lopez Lomong will represent the U.S. in the men's 1,500 for the Beijing Olympics. [Philip Hersh reports in](#)

## **Welcome Packs Needed**

More refugees are expected to arrive in the Chicago area in the next three months than typically arrive in more than one year!

People like Daniel. Daniel fled beatings and imprisonment in his homeland. But far worse was enduring seven years of separation from his family.

Recently Exodus volunteers rejoiced with Daniel when he finally reunited with his wife and their children.

We're excited more families like Daniel's will find safe homes. But we need help to welcome so many new refugees!

**Will you reach out to a family in need by collecting and delivering a ["Welcome to America! Pack"](#)?**

Contact Jessica Davis at 630/307-1400 x108 or [e-mail](#) her to learn more or to select a specific family to welcome.

The need is great.  
So don't delay.

the Los Angeles Times:

"He was abducted with 50 others from church at age 6 by a faction that wanted to turn young boys into child soldiers. Escaped through a hole in a fence with three other older boys who carried him on their backs as they walked three days, not knowing they had crossed into Kenya until border police arrested them and sent them to a refugee camp. Spent 10 years in the camp, living on one meal a day, until he learned of a program to resettle 3,500 "Lost Boys of Sudan" into the United States....

Lomong learned of the Olympics in the refugee camp, using five shillings -- two U.S. cents -- he was paid for raking dirt to join friends watching the 2000 Summer Games on television. He saw Michael Johnson win the 400 meters.

"He was running so fast, I said, 'I want to run like that guy,' " Lomong said."



### Mark Your Calendars

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#### *From Overseas to the Chicago Suburbs*

*Sponsored by World Relief DuPage*

Friday, August 8 from 9 am to 3 pm

College Church, 332 East Seminary Avenue, Wheaton

Refugee resettlement in the western suburbs of Chicago presents both exciting opportunities and unique challenges. This conference is intended for service providers, community agencies, employers, schools and others interested in learning more about the resettlement process, expected refugee populations and World Relief's services.

For more information and to register, visit the World Relief web page or call 630/462-7566.



### Interview with Prime Time America

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Prime Time America recently interviewed Heidi Moll Schoedel, Exodus World Service's Executive Director. *Prime Time America* is a two-hour, drive-time national program of Moody Radio. Heidi spoke about World Refugee Sunday and the work of the Refugee Highway Partnership.

Listen to the broadcast here.



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