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Carolina Immigrant Alliance has responded to more inquiries and accepted more new clients this year than ever with the changes in immigration policies. Our cases are up approximately twenty percent with clients coming from all over South Carolina. Three clients became US citizens, several families petitioned for parents or spouses to receive lawful permanent status (green cards), and others applied for work authorization, DACA renewal, and U Visas. Some just asked us to review their documents for any other legal options for a more secure status in the US. We have offered several Know Your Rights Workshops for immigrant and advocate to educate them on their legal rights under the Constitution.

One of our clients, a US citizen in her eighties who cares for an ailing husband, petitioned in 2006 for her adult son to come to the US from their native Mexico. Because there is a quota for every country, her son was placed on the waiting list. Just this year, nineteen years later, we can file the rest of the applications in this long process. She is very excited that once he is approved, he will be able to move to the US finally, and she brought all three of us thank you gifts from her summer vacation.

A single mother and her adult daughter received their lawful permanent status this year, and the mom's business was hired as our church's cleaning service. The mother was able to buy a beautiful home in our area, and she asked our pastor, Jeff Hayes, to bless their home. She hosted friends, our pastor and his family, and Judy Mobley at a delicious dinner and party for the blessing.

We are very grateful for support from CBF SC and individuals that allows us to help clients and build these relationships. The partnership with CBF SC funded a third parttime worker, making it easier for us to handle the increase in volume of clients and cases. Donations from individuals have been applied to the application fees for clients with financial hardships, in particular two families from Ukraine and one from Venezuela this year.

Please pray for all immigrants who live in fear these days. Even clients who already have legal status are afraid of being profiled and wrongfully detained, and many limit activities outside their homes to avoid potential exposure to law enforcement. Pray that all of us more fully see the face of God in ALL people living in our communities, whether native-born or immigrant.

Judy Mobley