

The Off Ramp

Subsidiary: Threads by Nomad

A Win for Everyone:

An email from an unknown person popped up in my inbox requesting a time for a virtual meeting. This Physician Assistant lives and works in Myanmar. While she works to address physical needs, she realized that health is connected to economic stability. Two women had skills that she felt could be used. Priscilla is a seamstress and Mary, an embroiderer.

After a couple of Zoom calls and laying out a plan, our first step was to provide machines and initial supplies. But then militia came and burned down their village. They lost everything. They relocated to another village and we replaced their lost equipment. Then a flood came and destroyed the second village.

After multiple Zoom calls and coaching, these two women began producing product. People traveling to and from Thailand were able to take patterns to them and bring back samples of their work. It has taken about a year and a half, but Priscilla's stoles are now available on our website. They are beautiful! Coming soon are yoga mat carriers!

If you have purchased a garment or one of our clergy robes, then your label with our logo was hand embroidered by Mary. Coming soon are tea towels!

It isn't much. A couple of machines. A few supplies. Zoom calls and coaching. But when we placed the order for more stoles, more labels, and more yoga mat carriers Priscilla cried. What seems so little to us will help feed and sustain her family. The Off Ramp provided needed equipment and coaching. Threads by Nomad sells their product. Each person who purchases from Threads by Nomad supports someone like Priscilla or Mary. It is a win for everyone.

Core impact highlights for 2024:

2 sergers and 4 sewing machines were given to seamstresses living in the U.S., Uganda, and Myanmar.

80 households served through our furniture bank from August 2023 – December 2024.

30 hours of mentoring, coaching, and training textile artists.

276 backpacks provided for refugee children in Houston, Texas and the Carolinas.

20 hours of training to be a sponsor for a refugee family. One family resettled in 2023-2024 and a second family in 2025. This year we are also working with a single refugee to help him relocate to Canada as the refugee resettlement program for the U.S. is shut down.

\$2000 in food gift cards distributed to displaced families in Western NC.

Prayer concerns:

Pray for B., an Afghan refugee in Islamabad. B. is a follower of Christ and must find a place of safety and freedom. Ask God to open doors for him to go to university in Canada. Ask God to provide the financial resources needed for tuition.

Pray for B.'s mother, Malika. Malika is threatened regularly by the Taliban because of B.'s decision to follow Christ.

Pray for more opportunities for Threads by Nomad to host "pop-up" events.

Pray for the Bahram-Shah family who have settled in Rock Hill. Ask God to help the two daughters be successful in school. Pray for Gladys who will be teaching English to the mom.

Pray for Nell as she will travel to Uganda in October to work with Sewing for Hope, a part of Refuge and Hope. Pray for the team traveling with her. They will be leading a retreat for women.

Below: Priscilla with her equipment and supplies

