



# August in the Village

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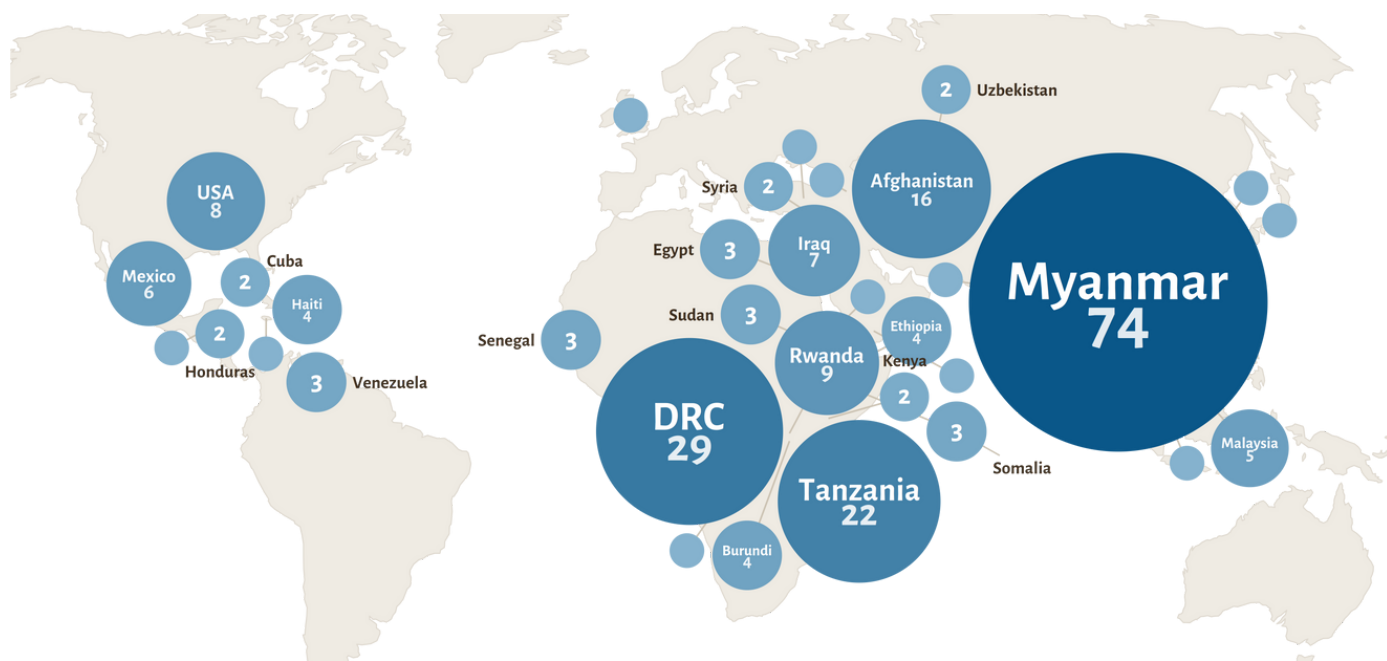
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Hello, friends!

The fall term is off to a tremendous start! **All of our classes are back** for the fall semester and in full swing. We're seeing phenomenal demand for class from our community; all of our English classes now have a waitlist! Additionally, **Journey visited the NSC stadium** this month, and we're introducing a **new staff member** 🎉

Let's start with some numbers.

**Where our students are from**



This map shows where our fall 2026 students are from. This covers every student in our classrooms, from Pre-K to adult students. It's an amazing feeling to be part of a Village from so many corners of the globe — there's so much wisdom and life experience coming through our doors every day!

**225**

*students enrolled  
across all programs  
in Fall 2026*

**34**

*countries of origin  
represented by  
those students*

**55+**

*weekly hours of  
classroom time at  
Legacy this fall*

Interested in joining the Village as a volunteer? Fill out the form below and we'll be in touch! Yes, we can use your help :) scheduling is flexible, we have many kinds of needs from admin to teacher's assistants, and we welcome all skill levels!

## Start of classes

Our semester is off to a great start, with high enrollment and attendance so far across all of our classes. Here are updates on some of our programs:

In September, KRP students will learn the letters A - E and numbers 1 - 3; how to identify squares, triangles, ovals, and rectangles; and the colors red, green, and yellow. This kind of academic background helps our students enter Kindergarten prepared for the American education system.

GED has a full classroom. This semester continues our program of having classroom time for newer students and tutoring for students who just need to pass a couple of subject tests.

Our citizenship classes have shifted in recent months, and our classes are now split between beginner and advanced students. Our advanced students have been in class for multiple years and are just waiting on their interview date, while our beginner students are working through the curriculum at a slower pace.

Check out the video below to see our classrooms during peak English class time!



## Journey tours Geodis Park

Our high schoolers are big soccer fans, so getting to tour the NSC stadium was a super exciting opportunity. They spent time behind the scenes and got to see how the stadium and games work. They even got to sit in the same seat as Messi has sat in!

Many of our students have been to the stadium before, but always during a game, so this was a totally different experience. The students had a fantastic time, and we are planning to do this again.



## Our newest staff member

We are thrilled to introduce our newest staff member, Anan Shaibu!

Anan is working with our Journey program and has jumped right into the action. You can often find her offsite in meetings with Journey students and college admissions and financial aid, or here working with the after-school attendees.



Anan is a recent graduate of Trevecca and holds degrees in both Social Work and Psychology. She is also an alumna of our Journey program, so she has been part of the Village for a long time! We are very excited to have her rejoin us as a staff member.

We were sad to say goodbye to Aime Tuyisunge, who left late this summer to accept a new opportunity. We are excited for his new direction and wish him the very best!

## Joining the Village

If you'd like to be part of Legacy's work, please consider supporting the Village!

Since the Village began, generous people who believed that this work was worth sustaining have made it both possible and free to refugee families. Twenty-five years later, classes at Legacy are still free 🧡 Supporters' gifts make education accessible to someone who is working two jobs or the night shift, getting their kids to school, and still making it to class by mid-morning. Recurring gifts provide peace of mind as we plan terms.

We are grateful for your support, which makes the Village possible.

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## September in the Village

We're looking forward to September as students and teachers settle into their groove and work steadily. We'll bring you plenty of updates on how classes are progressing in the September newsletter!

Thanks for reading — see you next month!

— Abigail

Thank you for being part of the Village!  
— *Legacy Mission Village Team*

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