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3. What are the common reasons that people refuse to accept refugees/foreigners, or treat them well? What do you think of these reasons?
4. Displaced people have a special place in God's heart. Spend some time praying for these people together.

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