

# Three Peas – Help make a difference!



This book is helping to raise money for the charity Three Peas, which gives vital practical help to people who have had to flee their homes.

It takes a lot of courage to leave your home, to leave everything behind, and to travel to another country, but that's what many people around the world are forced to do.

There might be a war where they live and their homes are no longer safe. Or they might come from countries where they're not allowed to live the way they want to, or say what they want to, or practise their religion. They feel they have no choice but to leave and find a safer place to live.

They have to make long, difficult, dangerous journeys. When they finally arrive in their new countries, they have to apply for permission to stay – a process that can take years. During that time it's hard for families to find work or even somewhere to live.



That's where organisations like Three Peas can lend a hand. They may help people find a home, and can provide basic supplies of clothes, food and all sorts of essential items from shampoo and toothbrushes to books and prams.

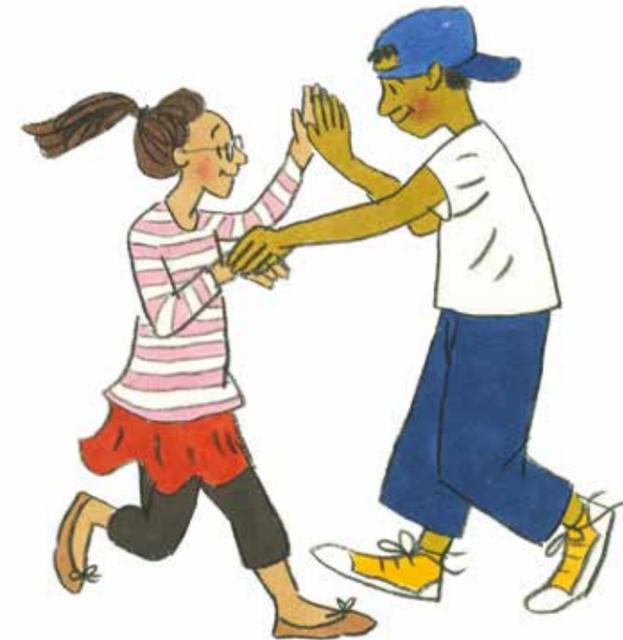
After so much upheaval, families long for a bit of normality. They want to cook food together and celebrate their feast days. They want to learn the local language. They want to work and support their families, and they want their children to have a good education.



Many people have skills that they used in their old lives, which they're keen to use again. They may be doctors, teachers, lawyers or artists. Some of the people that Three Peas have met have volunteered as maths teachers and translators. Others have gone on to make a living as hairdressers, restaurant owners, jewellery designers and even sculptors.



Three Peas help run a centre where people can take language classes, receive advice and make friends. They even helped three little girls find an after-school dance class, which really helped them settle into their new country.



As people learn the language of their new country, and their children go to school, they can start to make safe, new, happy lives for themselves.



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Three Peas was started by a group of friends from six different countries. They are a small organisation, but have achieved an amazing amount. As they say: "Imagine if every single one of us did something small to help? Together we could make a big difference!"

