

Local Church Budget

Our citizenship is heaven. Ever since the fifth grade, Andrew desired to move to the United States and be one of its citizens. This incredible honor materialized when Andrew arrived in New York City in 1999. From the beginning, Andrew was spellbound. The skyscrapers, the hustle and bustle of the city, and the kindness and generosity of its people were electrifying.

Everywhere Andrew traveled, people from all backgrounds, colors, and cultures welcomed him as one of their own. Andrew could barely speak English, but that hardly mattered. America's people displayed a decency and desire to help even when communication was difficult.

Andrew fell in love with America: its zest for life, its optimism, and its belief in the collective potential for a better world. Andrew became a citizen and for the past 20 years has made the United States his temporary home. He has studied, married, and welcomed children in its land. He calls it a *temporary* home because as much as he loves his country, he looks forward to a permanent eternity with our God.

With an eye towards a country promised by our Savior, let us be faithful in returning our tithes and offerings to hasten its coming.