

Read Tekola's stories about arriving in Virginia. Are you like anyone in these stories?



Russ and Polly Scoville live in Alexandria, VA. In this photo, Tekola is talking with them in their kitchen.

When I arrived in America, there weren't many Ethiopians here. There were no organizations like the Ethiopian Community Center. There were no Ethiopian restaurants or stores. I didn't know anyone from my country.

Russ and Polly lived in Ethiopia a long time ago. They were in the Peace Corps. When they heard I was coming to America, they invited me to live in their house. They helped me with everything. Now my wife and sons live here too. Some day, I will repay their kindness.

Questions:

- 1) When you first arrived, who helped you? How?
- 2) Do you help newcomers? How? Tell the class.