

Georgia insight

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"She hath done what she could."
Mark 14:8a
"...and having done all ... stand."
Ephesians 6:13c

"Nanny State" Has New Meaning with Invasion from the South

"A refugee is a person who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinions, or membership in a particular group."

– USLegal, Inc.

The thousands of unaccompanied illegal aliens, supposedly minors, streaming across the Mexican border came from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Those surrendering directly to the border patrol are classified as "refugees," though they don't qualify, and are taken into custody by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement in cooperation with the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

Those who do not surrender to U.S. agents proceed into the population and are not counted in the 57,000 "unaccompanied minors" and 40,000 illegal alien women with children that have entered illegally since October 1, 2013. The illegal alien minors referred to DHHS are redistributed across the U.S. and given state-licensed care, classroom education, medical health services, case management, socialization and recreation, as well as placement services.

At this writing, they're housed in nine facilities, ten locations have refused to take them and ten other destinations are being proposed. Aliens that have not been transported elsewhere are processed into temporary facilities, while the U.S. is scoured for additional places to send them.

In recent months, the administration has released an untold number into the U.S., telling them to voluntarily report to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices, although many don't return for their hearing. A former head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, now second-in-command at ICE, said he didn't know how many have been released or how many returned as ordered. About half of the minors processed are NOT sent back home.

The ICE official said the administration will send more immigration judges, ICE attorneys and additional immigration officials to the region to help process immigrants caught crossing the border illegally and, "when possible," quickly return them to their home countries.

Over 174,000 people, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, have been arrested in the Rio Grande Valley so far this year. In June, the administration announced it will give those three countries \$9.6 million to help authorities reintegrate returned immigrants. Meanwhile, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will launch a \$40 million program to help improve citizen security in Guatemala. (Fox News Latino, June 20, 2014)

90,000 unaccompanied illegal aliens are expected for 2014 and 150,000 for 2015. Tennessee Catholic Charities plan to expand its federal refugee resettlement program to unaccompanied minors and enroll them in TennCare, which is subsidized by Tennessee taxpayers.

¹ Current housing: AFB Lackland, TX; Fort Sill, OK; Berks Family Center, Reading, PA; Naval Base, Oxnard, CA; Shelter for Children, Conroe, TX; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Artesia, NM; Border Patrol Station, Brownsville, TX; Warehouse, Nogales, Arizona; George Bush International Airport, Houston, TX.

Funding “Nanny Care”

“As I have said before, it is unacceptable the federal government is trying to force the hardworking taxpayers of New York to foot the bill to house undocumented immigrants.”

– U.S. Representative Chris Collins

The following sentence in Josh Siegel’s July 8th article explains the president’s latest request for money to fund illegal aliens entering the U.S.: “President Obama has asked Congress for \$3.7¹ billion in ‘emergency’ funds to stem a surge in children and families from Central America illegally crossing the U.S. border with Mexico,” nearly double his request the first of July.

This invasion from the South may seem to be spontaneous, but it’s been in the works for months, even years and is a big money-maker for some, but very expensive for taxpayers. It seems federal refugee contractors² and 350 subcontractors accommodate illegal aliens on U.S. soil and vendors have been hired to service them, compliments of U.S. taxpayers.

On January 29, 2014 the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office issued Solicitation Number BERKS-RFI to vendors to provide “escort services” to unaccompanied illegal alien children entering the U.S.” (FedBizOpps.gov)

Applicants that get the job must provide everything necessary – unarmed escort staff, management, supervision, manpower, training, certifications, licenses, drug testing, equipment and supplies – as on-demand escort services for illegals, from infancy to age 17, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Necessities may include temporary shelter locations (trailers with showers) for extended periods of time, until HHS bed space is available nationwide.

The Solicitation Number BERKS-RFI attachment stated that ICE expects approximately 65,000 unaccompanied illegal children to come to the U.S., where ICE-hired vendors will transport them from HHS to housing. 25 percent will travel by ground; 25 percent by ICE charter; and 50 percent by commercial air. Destinations could be anywhere in the continental U.S.

The cost to states could be astronomical, considering the \$160,000 per month federal agencies offered a facility in Virginia to house 500 illegal aliens. The proposal was rejected. \$160,000 divided by 500 equals \$320 per person per month.

500 accompanied alien children up to age 17 are expected to arrive at New York’s Fort Drum in August. To prepare for it, a *New York classified ad* is soliciting job applications from registered and licensed practical nurses, doctors and counselors, to provide aliens with health assessments, immunizations, triage and first aid for the injured or ill. The ad also states that housekeeping and food service jobs may be available. All applicants hired are promised free lodging, meals, and laundry, as well as *malpractice* and travel expenses.

New York Representative Collins (quoted above) said the Department of Health and Human Services is considering at least two other facilities in New York – a former convent in Saratoga County and a business park in Nassau County.

¹ \$1.8 billion for housing & care; \$1.1 billion for vendors hired by ICE; \$433 million for Customs to catch illegals; \$300 million to improve security in Central American countries; \$64 million for DOJ judges, attorneys and asylum officers

² Federal refugee contractors: Church World Service (CWS); Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC); Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM); Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS); International Rescue Committee (IRC); US Committee for Refugee and Immigrants (USCRI); Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS); United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); World Relief Corporation (WR)

“Y’all Come”

“Almost all agree that a child who crossed the border illegally with their parents, or in search of a father or a better life, was not making an adult choice to break our laws, and should be treated differently than adult violators of the law.”

– Secretary Jeh Johnson, Department of Homeland Security

In 2012 President Obama enacted the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) that gave temporary amnesty and two-year work permits to illegal aliens that (a) entered the U.S. before age 16, (b) had lived in the U.S. since 2007, and (c) were not over 30 years old.

Those who were not eligible in 2012 can apply for DACA in September 2014 and those who qualified in 2012 can re-apply for another two years this year. Reportedly, 560,000 people have already been granted temporary amnesty under DACA.

Apparently, the president’s action in 2012 has been interpreted to mean the U.S. won’t hold under-age aliens accountable for breaking the law and the flow into the Promised Land became an unending torrent. The situation escalated as newspapers in Honduras and Guatemala advertised “Open Borders for Illegals to U.S.” and thousands more left for “the land of plenty!”

No doubt, encouraged by DACA’s magnanimous supporters that react emotionally, regardless of national sovereignty and the U.S. law, more than 57,000 unaccompanied illegal aliens have surrendered to U.S. Border Patrol, since October. That number does not include the multiple thousands of illegals that eluded detection, blended into the population or hid in the wilderness, *e.g.* New Mexico’s 500,000 acres of wildlife preserve, where there is no road and border patrol agents are prohibited from entering, even on horseback or in vehicles.

Two distinct categories of illegal aliens are crossing into the United States from Mexico. U.S. law allows illegal aliens from Mexico to be returned to Mexico, immediately, because Mexico is contiguous to the U.S. However, aliens from noncontiguous countries must be referred to the Department of Health and Human Services. Since Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvadore are *not* contiguous to the U.S., illegal aliens crossing into the U.S. from those countries will be housed, supported and provided legal representation.

Members of Congress report that numbers of illegal aliens already in the U.S. are paying human trafficker/drug cartel personnel \$4,000 – \$12,000 to bring children from Central and South America to the U.S. From the border the Department of Health and Human Services take custody, do minimal processing for two or three days and transport them to various locations in the U.S. Contrary to past U.S. policies, they are not detained long enough to detect contagious or dangerous diseases, as reported by personnel close to the situation.

Pastors and other religious leaders are not allowed to visit the warehoused aliens and officials who obtain permission may observe certain locations, but are not permitted to ask questions or take pictures. The surge includes almost as many adults as minors through age 17, an unknown number of whom have gang affiliation. Some of the illegals have telephone contact numbers written in their underwear and carry “cheat sheets,” telling them what to do in various circumstances.

Texas Governor Perry reported that 625,000 crimes have been committed by illegal aliens in Texas. He calls the Texas border a “war zone,” where cartels use military tactics to keep border patrol agents busy, while criminal activities are conducted along the border.

Georgia Gets Aliens from the Border

“The federal government asked the Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes if they would help house some of the thousands of undocumented children.”

– Fox News Channel 5, July 10, 2014

Congressman Phil Gingrey, M.D. and Co-Chair, GOP Doctors Caucus, expressed major concerns about the transport of illegal aliens without proper screening. Selected portions of his July 7th letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta are as follows:

“As a physician for over 30 years, I am well aware of the dangers infectious diseases pose ... [they] remain in the top ten causes of death in the U.S. ... Reports of illegal migrants carrying deadly diseases such as swine flu, dengue fever, Ebola virus, and tuberculosis are particularly concerning ... Many of the children who are coming across the border also lack basic vaccinations such as those to prevent chicken pox or measles. This makes those Americans that are not vaccinated – especially young children and the elderly – particularly susceptible.

“...[S]everal border agents have contracted diseases through contact with the unaccompanied minors.... [As they are transported on commercial airlines and other forms of transportation] the diseases carried by these children may begin to spread too rapidly to control ... some of these diseases have no known cure.

“I am aware that the CDC is activating its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) ... but information regarding this activation has been sparse.... I firmly believe the public deserves to know the specific actions the EOC and other departments of the CDC are taking to combat and prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

“I request that the CDC take immediate action to assess the public risk posed by the influx of unaccompanied children and their subsequent transfer to different parts of the country ... the public should be notified of this risk ... all appropriate departments should be actively seeking solutions to mitigate what could become a public health crisis. I would also like information on what is being done to protect border patrol agents who come in contact with these diseases, what decontamination efforts are taking place, and what is included in medical screenings of the children ... medical providers should be put on alert ... the CDC should provide guidelines to the public about how to protect themselves from potential infection.”

Georgia’s Bulging Refugee Resettlement¹

From 2004-2013 Georgia received 16,378 refugees, distributed in eight counties – 14,968 went to DeKalb County, where 16-percent of residents are foreign born; and 1,125 went to Gwinnett. Clarke County received 25, Oconee 6, Jackson 21, Madison 145, Walton 63, and Barrow 25.

In 2012 Governor Deal began requesting a reduction in the numbers of refugees sent and on May 18, 2013, he said, “We are the tenth largest state, but according to ... 2011 figures, our state had the sixth highest number of refugees of any state in the country.... 69 percent [of those] sent to Georgia wind up in DeKalb County ... 28 percent ... go to the one little city of Clarkston. Folks, there’s something wrong with that.”

The Georgia Department of Human Services distributes federal resettlement funding, which is supplemented by state and local taxes, expected to be \$6.7 million in 2011, latest known cost.

¹The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee has jurisdiction over the U.S. refugee resettlement program. However, the unaccompanied minors at the border do NOT qualify as refugees.

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