



# Taking the first step...

## The Power of "Hello"

### A brief story...

Monika recently came to Northern Ireland with her husband and two children. Her first months in the country were difficult and she remembers not feeling welcomed. She did not receive so much as a "Hello," not even from her neighbours or from the other mothers at her children's school. However, after several difficult months of feeling isolated and alone, her situation began to change. People started to greet her with a "Hello" and her neighbours began to ask "How are you?" The simple gesture of saying "Hello" made an impact on Monika's life in Northern Ireland and made her feel welcome.

## How might you welcome?

### Start by taking the first step and say "Hello."

An ordinary "Hello" can make a big difference in someone's life and in making someone feel welcome. If they do not speak English well, saying "Hello" might mean even more.

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2)*

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