

REFLECTION

If possible, find a refugee in your community, college, or church, and invite them for coffee to hear their stories. Get to know their stories of survival testimony that will energise you like a coffee.

Share your experience here!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The coffee we sip can trace its origin all the way to Ethiopia. Legend says a goat herder first discovered the potential of the coffee beans. After eating the coffee beans, the goat herder discovered that his goats became so energetic that they did not want to sleep at night. He reported his finding to the local monastery priests who made the first coffee and kept them alert through the long hours of prayer vigils.

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Ethiopia has one of the world's largest internally displaced populations. A total of 4.2 million people are internally displaced across Ethiopia, the crisis in Tigray, Amhara and Afar regions, with active fighting in several areas continuing and likely to cause further displacements in 2022. Ethiopia is also the second-largest refugee-hosting country in Africa, hosting mainly refugees from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, and Sudan.

We all love to drink coffee but never realise its origin and ask the questions of where it came from or how it came to our use. Similarly, we never ask the questions of forcible displacements related to where, why, how, and what. We may talk about coffee as a product but forget to understand the *people behind the product*. While having your cup of coffee, pause and reflect on the people who gave us the coffee.