

## The three short words "I am alive" may be all that is needed to ease the minds of distraught relatives half a world away.

The chaos and confusion of war, disaster and international migration can separate families when they need each other most. The American Red Cross searches for family members across international borders, offering a free service that enables families to reconnect.

American Red Cross caseworkers around the United States help families locate missing relatives overseas by working with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations in nearly every country around the world.

Once a family member is found, the Red Cross helps him/her reconnect through written messages or by phone. Red Cross messages can also be exchanged between families and their loved ones in refugee camps and detention centers to allow them to keep in contact and share family news.

The Red Cross can also try to help family members check on the welfare of non-US citizen relatives overseas who are unable to be reached due to illness or other circumstances.

This past year, the American Red Cross helped reconnect over 17,000 families—bridging months or years of separation, to renew critical links between communities in the U.S. and their families abroad.

These services are free and confidential. We do not share information with anyone without asking first and the service is made available without discrimination to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, immigration status or any other characteristics.

## To learn more, please visit redcross.org/ReconnectingFamilies

Contact your local Red Cross office at redcross.org/local Call our free national helpline at 844-782-9441

