

Clarkston, Georgia

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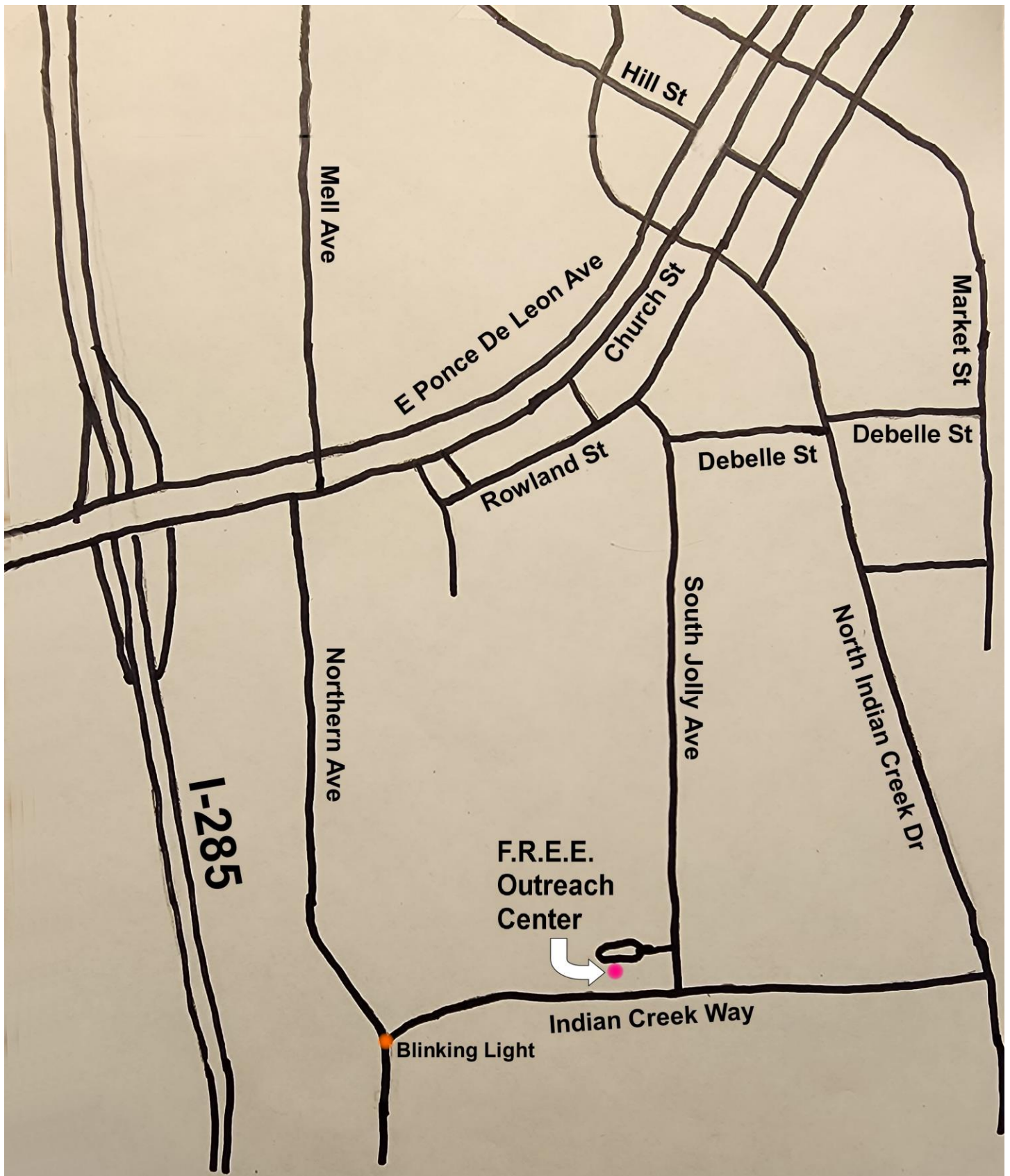
Located just east of downtown Atlanta, Clarkston and the surrounding area is home to some 10-20 thousand refugees from over 70 countries speaking over 90 languages, making Clarkston the most diverse square mile in America. Many of the refugees are from Burma also known as Myanmar.

Clarkston was a sprawling U.S. Army base during World War II. After the war Clarkston was converted to an apartment bedroom community for people working in downtown Atlanta. Clarkston thrived for a period; however, over the years the area declined economically, occupancy rates dropped dramatically, and the apartments decayed.

With area bus lines, a railroad line passing directly through downtown Clarkston, low occupancy rates, and relatively low rental rates, Clarkston was selected as a suitable site to house / resettle refugees from overseas. Soon, through the joint efforts of the United States and the United Nations, refugees began flooding in...30,000 over the past decade.



United Methodist Church Where SDA Karen Refugees Meet for Worship



3586 Indian Creek Way / Clarkston, GA 30021
Parking Entrance = 600 Jolly Avenue South



F.R.E.E. Center
3586 Indian Creek Way Unit #3