



Tucson Refugee Ministry

Sept/Oct/Nov 2015
Building a Bridge
between the Church
and the Nations at
our Doorstep

Tucson Refugee
Ministry is
celebrating
10 YEARS
of mobilizing
churches and serving
refugee families!

A Hero's Welcome

Now is the worst refugee crisis of our time. More than 19 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homelands because of persecution and war. They have no home, and they are not always welcome. But there were some cities in Europe who were not only welcoming refugees, but they were cheering for them when they arrived, holding welcome signs and giving high fives! A beautiful fulfillment of Jesus' command to "welcome the stranger".



What would that look like in our cities?

**CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THERE WAS A CHURCH THERE AT THE AIRPORT
TO WELCOME EVERY REFUGEE FAMILY WHO ARRIVED?**

Volunteer Information Night



Sunday, October 4, 1-4pm
Casas Church

Thursday, November 5, 6-9pm
Northminster Presbyterian
*This training will also focus on
information regarding asylum
seekers in Tucson.*

RSVP:

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WELCOMES IN TUCSON



Hope Community
Church



Epicenter Church



CHET-SE Homeschool
Group



New Life Bible
Fellowship

Refugee work involves more than relief and resettlement. To make a lasting impact, it also requires relationship. In truth, what refugees desire most when they resettle is a friend. Someone to share life with them. These relationships provide more than simply a friendship... they provide hope. Hope that someone cares. Hope that they do not have to do this alone. And hope that they can succeed here in the U.S. These photos represent four church groups who formed a three way "welcome partnership" between the church group, resettlement agency, and TRM to welcome a refugee family.

Would you consider partnering with
us and giving a tax-deductible gift
to TRM?



VISIT:

www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com

Reach out to our refugee neighbors
and help mobilize churches by
investing in this ministry TODAY!

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

- short notice
- one time
- no training
- no commitment
- bring the whole family
- make a difference!



The world is facing the worst refugee crisis since World War II. The Church, moved to action, can bring grace and justice and redemption. Sign up for the Rapid Response team and get weekly notices of the most urgent needs (set up an apartment for new family, shop for their groceries, help with transport, etc.). Then respond to the ones that fit in your schedule.

Contact Holly (holly@tucsonrefugeeministry.com) to add your name to the team.

OPPORTUNITIES:

TRAINING VIDEOS:

Attend the Volunteer Info Night without leaving home. Learn all about the resettlement process, culture, communication, faith and other important aspects that are valuable for new and experienced volunteers.

Visit www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com for a sneak peek!

COMPUTER SERVICES

Do you know any refugee families who could use a computer or some technology support? Do you have a computer to donate?



Contact Richard & Nita
victorytechnology@dakotacom.net



REFUGEE 101

Have YOU heard about the opportunities to partner with TRM to welcome refugees? Invite us to your church, small group, or Sunday School class for an introductory presentation.

Newsletters and important announcements are sent out by email in a more timely manner.

If you would like to subscribe to our e-newsletter and help us save money please send a note to cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com

PLAY DATES in international communities

EVERY MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY,
AND THURSDAY!
Early evenings

Contact Amy at
amygoad@gmail.com
for details



PORTRAITS

If you attended our 10-Year Celebration back in April, you may have seen the stunning, one-of-a-kind paintings on display next to the main stage. These portraits, painted by local artist Genii Pell, beautifully depict the strength and resilience of refugees living right here in Tucson. Watch for the opportunity to receive a refrigerator magnet, set of greeting cards, or numbered print of these unique portraits.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER

INTERNATIONAL KIDS KAMP



115 campers from Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Congo, Eritrea, Sudan, Ahiska Turks and America
52 amazing volunteers from across Tucson
5 fabulous days together... songs, skits, crafts, stories, games, rhythm, field trips, carnival and more!

Save the date for next years Kids Kamp: July 10-16

REFUGEE HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

The Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP) held its annual Roundtable this summer in Atlanta, GA. Many from across the United States and Canada gathered to enjoy "southern" hospitality and the warm welcome from the local planning team. RHP members share a common passion for seeing the Church minister the whole gospel amongst those who have been forcibly displaced including the thousands of refugees and asylum seekers who arrive in North America each year. Save the date for next years Roundtable in Toronto, Canada July 20-22. Visit the Roundtable website at www.rhpna.com for more details.



Director's Note

Refugees are in the news now nearly every day. It is tragic that there are so many who have been forced to flee, traveling on foot for miles to find a place to call home, struggling for food and shelter and life. This is truly a tsunami of unprecedented proportions. How will the Church respond? Will we take the lead in welcoming them? How can we show love and compassion to those so far away, and more importantly, to those at our doorstep? I praise God for so many of you who are partnering with us to welcome strangers by giving, praying or going!

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