

## Volunteer Information Night



Thursday, March 2  
6-9pm

at Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1825 N. Alvernon  
RSVP:

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Read TRM's response to the Executive Order and other FAQ's at <http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com/executive-order-faq/>

## THE WORLD CHANGES

### THE CHURCHES CALLING DOESN'T

While governmental policy may change, our commitment to standing alongside the persecuted, displaced, and vulnerable remains firm.

World Relief



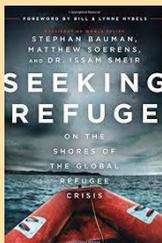
Shop at Fry's and Fry's will make a donation to us!

#### It's EASY!

1. Log in to your Fry's account online (or make one here if you don't have one already).
2. Go to My Account and click on Account Settings.
3. Click on Edit under Community Rewards and type in 40507 or Tucson Refugee Ministry.
4. Select the box next to TRM and save changes.
5. Shop away and support TRM!
6. Thank You!

#### GIVE A PASTOR A BOOK!

Tucson Refugee Ministry will be distributing the book *Seeking Refuge to churches all across Tucson this quarter to share important information about ministering to refugees.*



You can donate to give a pastor a book by visiting <http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com/donations/>.



Jan/Feb/Mar 2017 Building a Bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep



*If you were the captain of a large ship crossing the ocean and you came upon a thousand survivors of a shipwreck floating in the water, would you stop your ship to rescue these men, women, and children from drowning?*

*What if you were told that one of those bobbing helplessly in the sea might be a terrorist? Would you allow 999 people to drown because of the fear that you might bring a terrorist onto your ship?*

*We have a refugee crisis with millions of people fleeing death and destruction. Among them are Christians. We have room and resources in our nation to help these people, yet many Americans would rather reject all refugees than take a chance that one in a thousand would be a terrorist. There is always risk involved in helping people in need, or sharing our faith. Yet we are here for such a time as this.*

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At the core of who we are as followers of Christ is a commitment to care for the vulnerable, the marginalized, the abused and the wanderer. Refugees are not causing the violence. They are the ones fleeing it. God's people should be the first ones opening their arms to refugees.

~Ed Stetzer, Quotes from his article in the Washington Post

It is time to pray for those who are hurting and to plead with our leaders to change course.

### STAND IN SOLIDARITY



## Looking Back

### WHAT GOD DID THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND PRAYERS IN 2016:

192 Refugees Welcomed at the Airport

246 Volunteers Mobilized

670 Educated and Equipped through Presentations, Workshops, and Trainings

161 Youth Attended International Kids Kamp

## PORTRAIT PROJECT



Hand painted portraits by local artist Genii Pell. Behind each face is an incredible story of a journey to a new life in the US. With your donation, TRM can continue to act as a support to agencies and a catalyst to connect volunteers with refugee friends.

### 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](http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com) for a sneak peek!

**A whole hurting world will decide what they think about Jesus... by how we decide to respond to the hurting. When we turn our backs on the fleeing - we turn our backs on Christ.**

**Ann Voskamp**

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](mailto:cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com)



**TRM is 100% donor powered.** Would you consider partnering with us and giving a tax-deductible gift to TRM?

VISIT:

[www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com](http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com)  
Reach out to our refugee neighbors and help mobilize churches by investing in this ministry TODAY!

## Welcome Partnerships

TRM Welcome Partnerships match volunteer church groups with newly arrived families and their resettlement agency. We are so thankful for these current groups who are offering friendship, guidance, and support as these refugee families learn to navigate life in America.



**True Light Church**



**Multi-Church**



**Mount Shadows Presbyterian**

## Coming Soon

**HELPING WITHOUT HURTING: Friday & Saturday - March 31 & April 1**

Best Seller *When Helping Hurts* has shaped the way over thousands of church and ministry leaders approach poverty alleviation. Now, the Small Group Experience equips congregations and ministry networks with the principles of *When Helping Hurts*. Utilizing free online video lessons, each of the six unites engages small groups with discussion questions, application exercises, and materials for further learning.

To inquire or register please contact... [randiesia.riggs@gmail.com](mailto:randiesia.riggs@gmail.com) or [linda@4tucson.com](mailto:linda@4tucson.com)

## Beyond the Border

### TRM in MEXICO!

TRM started the New Year in Mexico at the SIM Conference. Daniel and his wife, Mayra, have come to Tucson with a group from Mexico several times in order to volunteer and serve. We were invited to go to Mexico to present to 36 young adults, all of whom are interested in global outreach. We look forward to more partnership with this amazing crew in 2017!



## Board of Directors

**Introducing the TRM Board for 2017!** For more information about our board members, visit <http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com/about-us/board-of-directors/>



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## Director's Note

*We enter this new year at a point in history when persecution, injustice and war have forcibly displaced thousands of people from their homelands and separated them from loved ones. This record number of refugees and asylum seekers represent such an incredible opportunity for Christian believers to make a difference and to demonstrate God's great compassion for the most vulnerable. The Scriptures are filled with stories of Jesus caring for the outcast, rejected, broken and hurting. And there is no legislation or presidential orders that can change the role of God's people and the difference we can make together.*

*Cherie Gray*  
Executive Director  
Tucson Refugee Ministry