



REFUGEE 101

Come to the next citywide training to learn the true facts about refugee resettlement and the struggles and successes of a new American.

Tuesday, September 5th
6:00 - 8:00pm
44 N. Stone Ave.

To RSVP, please email
cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com

REFUGEE 201

Refugee 201 is for those who have already attended the Refugee 101 and are considering moving forward to become a volunteer with TRM.

Thursday, Sept 7th
7:00 - 8:30pm

To RSVP, please email
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Help us every time you shop Amazon.

Shop on Amazon and support TRM at the same time! Set your Amazon charity to "Tucson Refugee Ministry" and shop smile.amazon.com any time you make a purchase.



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

21 households are currently supporting TRM by shopping at Fry's and contributed \$108 in donations between March and May. YOU can join them:

Join them - 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!

Thank You!



July/Aug/Sept 2017 Building a Bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep

Summer in Review

Holiday Exchange

Ramadan



Over 20 Tucsonans met their Muslim neighbors during Ramadan at their homes, the park, the mosque, etc. to promote peace and build bridges. It was a great season as people came as strangers and left as friends!

Look for opportunities in December for Christians to host Muslims for Christmas.

World Refugee Month

June 2017



Tucson celebrated World Refugee Day on June 17th. Organizations and churches from all over Tucson gathered to recognize refugees. 12 children from 6 different countries received their citizenship, and many community workers were recognized for their dedicated involvement with refugees. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a beautiful event for refugee parents and children!



INTERNATIONAL KIDS KAMP

July 2017

229 campers from all over the world, including Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Congo and the United States

68 FANTASTIC volunteers from Tucson and beyond!

5 incredible days together filled with songs, crafts, games, stories, service projects, field trips, and so much more!



REFUGEE HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP



The Refugee Highway Partnership is a global network of Christians who serve the forcibly displaced. This year the RHP Roundtable was held in Texas and practitioners from across North America were inspired, encouraged and connected. The Arizona contingency was the largest, with 17 people who made the trek. Join the RHP Slack community and communicate with refugee workers around the world, and gain a plethora of resources from the Roundtable and beyond. Contact Cherie to join the conversation.



For the latest up-to-date information check out our FAQ pages! Find them at www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com/ under "Resources"



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.

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



TRM is 100% donor powered. 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!

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES

BABY SHOWERS

There are several refugee women who are expecting their first baby in the United States! We are looking for 4 groups of women who can come alongside these women to support and bless them during this special time.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR 1 FAMILY!

A local pastor, Pastor Desire, has loved ones who have won the green card lottery to come legally to the US. Unlike refugees, families who win a lottery are not provided any travel funds. Pastor Desire is looking for anyone who might be able to give this family a gift or even a loan in order to travel to the United States. Maybe your church would like to take on this project? If you are able to help out in any way with this need, please contact Pastor Desire at ndabibonyedesire@yahoo.com or call #(520)406-7419.



With the new school year, there are many refugee families in need of school supplies. If you are able to donate any school supplies, please bring them to Catholic Community Services (140 W Speedway Blvd, Suite 130) any time Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.



SOCCER SEASON

A growing number of refugee youth have had the opportunity to play in AYSO (American Youth Soccer League) in Tucson. This coming season, about 40 youth (boys and girls) are registered to participate. Sports are such an important and therapeutic outlet for children who have experienced instability or trauma in their lives, and opportunities do not always come easily for refugees due to finances, equipment needs, and transportation. Could you or your church group bless these youth by gathering these needed items?



- 35 soccer balls (size 5) + 15 soccer balls (size 4)
- 40 pairs of shin guards (sizes youth medium and youth large) + 40 pairs of youth soccer socks
- Big 5 gift cards to purchase soccer cleats

There are also other ways to help if you are interested in doing more (driving, coaching, scholarship donations, etc.). Please contact Vicky Bradley if you have an equipment donation or want to learn more about other ways to help.

Changes

Leaving a Big Hole

Holly Seidel has been on staff with TRM since February 2015 and many of you have come to know and love her, just as we have. Her knowledge of international humanitarian issues and her passion for mobilizing the Church to engage with refugees has lent quite a lot of talent to our little team. In July Holly made the decision to step down so she could spend more time with her family. We will miss her so!



Director's Note

There seems to be no shortage of activities in the summer, and the TRM team has worked overtime to create connections between churches and refugees, natives and foreigners, Christians and Muslims. In the world around us the climate has changed and fear has taken over. It seems this "America first" attitude has replaced the mandate that we have as believers to "welcome the stranger". But TRM staff, volunteers and affiliates will continue to Love God and Love Our Neighbor, and call others to do the same.

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