

# Tucson Refugee Ministry - July 2008

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## English Camp

Camp this year brought new challenges, but also many blessings as God showed us His faithfulness and many glorious prayers answered. We had 107 refugees and 51 volunteers! The international campers were from the nations of Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Somalia and Burundi and were primarily Muslim.

Phil and Sally Schmidt did an incredible job as camp directors this year (my new heroes)! We had some amazing volunteers who loved and served and poured out their heart and soul to the campers. The ESL crew was so professional and organized and even during breaks they continued to teach some of their most eager students. Our kitchen crew was exceptional and worked hard to prepare nutritional meals that all our international campers would like. The kids learned about Moses and Noah and had lots of great activities and gifted volunteers to keep them busy. The toddlers and babies were well cared for while their moms were in class. We gathered for "big group times" and all ages of campers enjoyed fun group games and songs lead by our very talented guitar player.

The campers were invited to stay overnight this time, but only 27 remained to brave the "rustic" conditions on the mountain. It was this group of families and volunteers who enjoyed a more intimate time of fellowship and a sweet corporate prayer time in multiple languages on Sunday. God works with remnants so many times in history, and we saw Him do it again that morning!

In faith we trust that many encountered Jesus. We praise God for all the new relationships that were formed between volunteers and campers! And a big thank you to each of you for the vital part you played in prayers and support! It was an incredible event and we are humbled by the ways that God works and allows us to be a blessing to the nations that He has brought to our doorstep.

Blessed to be a blessing

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