

*Jan/Feb/Mar 2016
Building a Bridge
between the Church
and the Nations at
our Doorstep*



Tucson Refugee Ministry

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

Volunteer Information Night



Monday, February 8, 6-9pm
Pima Street Baptist Church

RSVP:

Cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com

2016 DATES:

Thursday, March 10

Monday, April 18

Tuesday, May 24

Saturday, June 25

Thursday, September 8

Tuesday, October 4

Monday, November 7

Check out this amazing new website

www.wewelcomerefugees.com

and sign up to be a partner, a sponsor, a welcomer or a prayer. This website was created as a joint effort by World Relief, The Justice Conference, and A Holy Experience and God is using it to raise awareness and to bring the Church together in our efforts to welcome refugees!

More than ever... now is the time!

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

WHAT GOD DID THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP IN 2015

78 Refugees Welcomed

218 Volunteers Mobilized

299 Individuals Educated and Equipped through Presentations, Workshops, Trainings

15 New Churches Mobilized

115 Kids Attended International Kids Kamp

19 Home Countries of Refugees in Tucson

(Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bosnia, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Russia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Vietnam)

TOWN HALL MEETING THE CHURCH & THE REFUGEE

January 25, 2016

7:00 - 8:30pm

Pima Street Baptist Church

5056 E. Pima Street



How should the Church respond to the refugee crisis? How can Christians, moved to action, bring grace and justice and redemption? Come meet leaders and experts in the field, hear local refugee stories and a briefing on the Syrian refugee crisis, learn how the Church can make a difference, and prepare to engage on a different level with the nations God is bringing to Tucson.

Register for event by contacting cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com

Baby Boom in Tucson

The latter part of 2015 was the time for baby showers. Lots of baby showers! We had four fantastic groups who embraced a refugee mother through our Welcome Baby partnership.



Multi-Church



Catalina Foothills Church



Rincon Mountain Presbyterian



Multi-Church

OPPORTUNITIES:

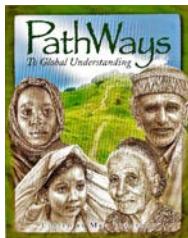
TRAINING VIDEOS:

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!

Pathways is a 13 week journey through Biblical, Historical, Strategic, and Cultural pathways to understand God's heart for the world and our role as followers of Christ to reach all peoples for His Kingdom. This unique class meets every Monday from 6:30 to 9:15pm at Northwest Bible Church (889 W. Chapala Dr.) beginning January 25th, 2016.

The first two classes are FREE! For more information or to register, go to www.pathways2.org, or contact Ken Goodwillie at (520)250-2849 or kgoodwillie@juno.com.



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

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!

PORTRAITS

One more chance to get one-of-a-kind portraits, painted by local artist Genii Pell, beautifully depicting the strength and resilience of refugees who have been forced to flee their homeland and build a new life in America. Contact Cherie if you would like to invest in a portrait. Deadline is Jan 15



HIGHLIGHTS FROM HOLIDAYS

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



A wonderful evening as Americans and refugees from multiple countries came together on Friday, November 20th to share a meal and give thanks! Even representatives from the police department were there to volunteer and show their support for our international community.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



On Saturday, December 19th several smiling faces from churches and homes across Tucson came together to bring good tidings to an international community. Big thanks to Agape Christian Church International for organizing and leading the event!

REFUGEE HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

Come join us for the annual Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP) Roundtable where refugee workers and pastors share a common passion for seeing the Church minister to those who have been forcibly displaced, including the thousands of refugees and asylum seekers who arrive in North America each year.

SAVE THE DATE: July 20-22, Toronto, Canada

Visit the new RHPNA website at www.rhpna.com for more details.



Director's Note

The Syrian crisis has brought a lot of attention to the plight of refugees, and there is a growing number of needs and opportunities. We are excited to see God's people responding and welcoming the nations to our desert doorstep! We had nearly 80 people attend our November training, and it looks like we will have many new volunteers for 2016. We have also been witness to several arrivals and even beautiful family reunions at the airport. This is an exciting season and it is a privilege to be a catalyst for the Church to get connected and welcome new refugees!

Cherie Gray
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Tucson Refugee Ministry

