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Volunteer Information Night



Monday, November 7

6-9 pm

Pima Street Baptist Church
5056 E. Pima Street

RSVP:

Cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com



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for pictures, updates and more!

**THE REFUGEE CRISIS IS TOO BIG
OF A CRISIS FOR US TO IGNORE
AS A CHURCH.**



It's not an accident that our communities are changing. It's not an accident that the US is becoming more diverse. God is doing this so that men could reach out to Him and perhaps find Him.



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Oct/Nov/Dec 2016 *Building a Bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep*

Holiday Opportunities

International Thanksgiving Dinner

The International Thanksgiving Dinner is a great opportunity to celebrate all that we are thankful for with people from all over the world. Together, we will enjoy multicultural food, crafts, games, and much more. All are welcome!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 - 8:00PM

**Amphitheater High School
(125 W Yavapai Rd)**

Contact Amy

amy@tucsonrefugeeministry.com

Christmas Caroling



Share Christmas cheer with refugee families this December! Join us as we go door to door in refugee communities, singing and blessing our international neighbors!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th

4:00PM

Contact Randiesia at randiesia.riggs@gmail.com

Learn the Facts

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MYTHS AND FACTS OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT 4 Ways...

Invite a TRM representative to come to your small group and facilitate a discussion about these questions, hear your concerns and offer some answers.



Attend a Refugee Info Night offered once a month. See schedule posted on our website.



Read the book Seeking Refuge, a biblical framework for answering difficult questions about the refugee crisis.



Read the facts on the FAQ page of our website.



Did you know...



There are only three states (Texas, California, New York) that received more refugees than Arizona in 2015? What does that mean for the Church in Arizona?

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!

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!

Special Event

UNDERSTANDING THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEE

A Discussion Forum at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish



Featuring panelists:

Ronald Tocchini, *Immigration Lawyer*
Cherie Gray, *Director Tucson Refugee Ministry*
Mudhafar Alhousseini, *Former Refugee from Iraq*
Jeffrey Cornish, *Director International Rescue Committee*
Rick Valencia, *Vicar of Deacons for Catholic Diocese of Tucson*
Gilbert Muganga, *Refugee from Congo*

Sunday, November 6th
12:30 - 2:30pm
Santa Catalina Parish
14380 N. Oracle

Story

THE GRANNY FACTOR

Grandmas, are you listening to me? The globe is facing the single greatest refugee crisis ever, and you might just be the answer. Before you get all humble, hear me out.



A hefty percentage of the refugee population are young people without their parents. Their moms are dead or a world away. They are in over their heads with "nobody told me it would be like this". Evil people are taking advantage of them. And as tough as they want to look, a kind gaze or a maternal hug would sure be nice right about now.

I saw it happen a few months ago. This friend was a twenty-something Gambian. The Granny Factor oozed from a saint from Louisville. She looked at him and asked, "Tell me your story. I love to hear people's stories." He proceeded to trust her with the pain of betrayal, beatings, and a journey he shouldn't have survived. She absorbed just a bit of the pain. And she ministered the kingdom of God to him with wisdom and kindness. I was honored to sit there and watch it happen.

This is your superpower! Too many of us think you don't count any longer and maybe you've come to agree with that. Simply not true. If you've got some love to go around, I'm here to invite you to unleash your Granny Factor on five, fifty, or a thousand refugees, in your own country or beyond. You will make a difference.

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Politics

At this juncture, in this time and place, it is my faith that prevails over my politics- I refuse to live in fear, I refuse to condone fanning the flames of fear. I know that we are all being challenged by the events of the day. We have many in need here, needs I am very familiar with- but those fleeing war and political oppression have a greater need. So, we must do what we can to at least give them safety so they might survive. We are dealing with a kind of Holocaust- let us not close our doors like we did before. Ultimately good prevails over evil, but we must have the faith and the courage to promote the good.

~Barbara Ruhe, the granddaughter of German Refugees

No matter who wins, if most people leave this election cycle believing that welcoming immigrants and refugees is a partisan issue, then we all lose. As do the world's 65 million (and growing) displaced peoples.

~Keith Cooper,
Director of Beautiful Day Granola

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*



Director's Note

I just returned from a trip to California with my very good friend Nasiba, three kids, and two grandmas. They came to America nine years ago as refugees from Turkey, then Georgia, then Uzbekistan, then Russia, and finally America. Now they are not only American citizens, but volunteers and contributing financial partners for Tucson Refugee Ministry! Nasiba and her family encourage me quite a lot, not just personally, but because they came here with a few suitcases and no English, and now they have a home, jobs, English, and they are giving back... helping many other newcomers. They are just one out of many families whom God has brought to our shore... perhaps to bless us! May we discover His great compassion for the nations and the importance of welcoming the stranger, that those from all tongues and peoples will worship together in Heaven on the last day.

Cherie Gray
Executive Director
Tucson Refugee Ministry

