



REFUGEE 101

Learn the facts about refugee resettlement and gain knowledge on the struggles and successes of new Americans.

Jan 23 6:00-8:00pm

Feb 8 4:00-6:00pm

Mar 5 5:30-7:30pm

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.

Jan 29 7:00-8:30pm

Feb 20 7:00-8:30pm

Mar 29 7:00-8:30pm

To RSVP, please email cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com



JAN/FEB/MAR 2018 Building a Bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep

2017 IN REVIEW

WHAT GOD DID THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND PRAYERS IN 2017:

8 Welcome Partnerships with 71 volunteers involved

719 educated and equipped through 20 trainings

2,455 informed through 29 presentations

1,250 participants in 23 Welcome Events

230 Kids Kamp Campers with 60 Volunteers

THANK YOU!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HOLIDAYS:

This holiday season, many Tucsonans embraced their international neighbors by sharing a meal together, spreading Christmas cheer, and inviting them into their home.



Thanksgiving Dinner



Christmas Caroling



Holiday Exchange



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.



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!

Big thanks to all the incredible volunteers who came out to invest in the refugee communities!



COMING SOON IN 2018

KIDS KAMP INFO MEETING

Tuesday, January 30th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

To RSVP, email amy@tucsonrefugeeministry.com



Come learn more about volunteering at Kids Kamp and hear stories from campers themselves! Dinner will be provided and attendance does not obligate you to volunteer.

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. Videos available on our website.



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.

RESOURCES



TRM has a plethora of resources available on our website...

- *materials to mobilize your church
- *handouts for volunteers
- *videos to equip refugee workers
- *Frequently Asked Questions

Visit www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com/resources/

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!

Why Refugees Tour

Coming soon to a city near You!

The Refugee Highway Partnership is launching a new initiative (starting in the US) called "Why Refugees". A team of experts with first hand experience serving refugees, both locally and internationally, will be launching their tour early this year.



There are more forcibly displaced people in the world than ever before in history, and Christians are divided in their response. Why Refugees is dedicated to facilitating a variety of meetings, conferences, and city summits to help educate and equip the Church to respond in this global refugee crisis.

www.wherefugees.com

We are excited to welcome Why Refugees in Tucson, AZ at the beginning of their tour. Watch for more information soon! Not in Tucson? Book a tour by writing to hanmiknah@gmail.com or calling #805-635-4341.



The RHP will be holding it's annual Roundtable in the city where it began 10 years ago in Chicago. This anniversary event will be a significant Kingdom gathering, where key people who love Jesus and who love the nations in our neighborhoods will come together to share, learn, sharpen and support each other. There will be exhibits, international vendors, refugee journey simulations, ethnic praise and worship, and a plethora of Table Talk workshops and plenary speakers covering a wide range of refugee-related issues. Save the date and plan to join us!

October 24 - 26, 2018 || Chicago, IL

REFUGEE MINISTRY CONSULTANT Equipping, Training, Mentoring, Resources



As the founder and director of Tucson Refugee Ministry, Cherie Gray has been a pioneer and catalyst. She serves as a consultant to help launch and encourage refugee ministries beyond Tucson as well.

She is passionate about engaging others in international ministry at home. As a consultant, she offers advanced resources and trainings to help launch and grow a healthy refugee ministry. Clients benefit from Cherie's 17 years of full time Kingdom refugee and cross-cultural work.

To learn more about services available, contact Cherie at cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



Who is an asylum seeker?

A person who has fled from his or her own country due to fear of persecution and has formally applied for protection in another country but has not yet had their claim for protection assessed. Asylum seekers include some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Since they do not receive the same benefits or attention as refugees do, the Church has many opportunities to serve. Here's one way you can support these individuals...

Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM)
ASYLUM MISSION
Mondays and/or Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00pm
If interested, please contact Berta at BertaRiley@aol.com

Walk a Mile in a Refugee's Shoes

Join us and show your support for the refugee community by attending the "Walk a Mile in a Refugee's Shoes" event! The IRC will host this simulation excise for individuals to gain insight into the lives of refugees around the world.



Sunday, March 18th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
3800 E River Rd

Director's Note

With a global refugee crisis, and the number of refugees being resettled in the US at a historic low, we are exploring other ways to engage the Church in reaching the nations. There are lots of things on the horizon this new year! I'm excited about opportunities to make a difference even more on a national level, using my years of experience to help others launch refugee ministries in their cities and churches. Our TRM staff are such a joy to work with, and God is using them to mobilize churches here on the home front.

Cherie Gray
Executive Director, Tucson Refugee Ministry

