

Welcoming THE Refugee

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EMBRACING A GOSPEL IMPERATIVE

A CHURCH IN PANAMA
WELCOMES THEIR VENEZUELAN
REFUGEE NEIGHBORS

“God has used a dictator to send people to our church,” said MTW Panama team leader Marc Summers.

In 2014 Marc, along with his wife, Sam, and teammates Michael and Tricia Lee, moved to Panama City, Panama, to plant a multicultural church in the diverse “El Cangrejo” area of the city. But when they started Iglesia Comunidad de Cristo (Christ Community Church) and began to reach out into the community, they found, to their surprise, that many of their new neighbors were Venezuelan refugees.

“There are over 40,000 Venezuelans here in Panama,” Michael explained. “Many of them would have preferred to stay in Venezuela, but the economic situation there has become so volatile that the country really is falling apart.”



Missionary Marc Summers teaches Sunday school.

VENEZUELAN EXODUS

Over the past few years, the Venezuelan government’s “21st-century socialist experiment” has wreaked havoc on the country’s once booming economy. Inflation has soared, the economy has plummeted, and price hikes, shortages of goods, and violence are all on the rise. “You can’t find basic commodities like Tylenol, baby diapers, or toilet paper,” Michael said.

So hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans have fled to neighboring countries in search of better opportunities and food on the shelves.

“We came with a desire to build a self-supporting, international church,” said Marc. God answered—in spades. The church is made up of Colombians, Panamanians, Americans, Mexicans, and about 85 percent Venezuelan refugees.

“We weren’t targeting Venezuelans,” Michael added. “We were just targeting the people in the community—who turned out to be mostly Venezuelans.”

OPENING THEIR HOMES TO REFUGEES

Many are highly educated and were middle-class professionals back in Venezuela. Now most are forced to take low-paying jobs well below their qualifications. People who not long ago owned



Missionaries Michael and Tricia Lee host a Bible study in their home.

cars and houses now struggle to make rent and pay for their children’s school fees. Though it’s against the law, most families rent a single room or even just a bed in an apartment shared by multiple families.

So the Lees and the Summers do what they can.

A young woman named Piella and her 11-year-old daughter stayed first with the Lees, and are now with the Summers. Piella has a master’s degree in marine biology, but she can’t get a job in that field in Panama, so she works as a receptionist. But it doesn’t even pay enough to cover typical rents, let alone groceries or school for her daughter. So now they are staying with the Summers until she can save money and find a better job. Marc and Sam Summers also housed another Venezuelan couple, Juan and Diana, a lawyer and journalist respectively, for the same reasons. Juan and Diana have since moved to their own apartment.

MIRRORS OF CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF SCARCITY

Even though the majority of the 50-some adults that make up Iglesia Comunidad de Cristo have their own financial struggles, the little church plant still manages to use tithes to pay its →

rent and help out members who are in the most desperate straits. They also collect a weekly food offering and distribute it to the most needy in the community.

These basic acts of mercy are not external ministries, tacked on in addition to or instead of the church's mission of discipleship and evangelism. They're an example of the Church doing exactly

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what the Church is supposed to do—care for its members, care for the community, and care for the vulnerable, as emissaries and mirrors of Christ.

"We want to be a local church that reaches out and shows mercy," said Marc. "We have been shown mercy by God, and so we want to show mercy also to the refugees."

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and I think that we have a gospel obligation to help out in every way that we can. Can we help everybody? No, we can't. There is a limit to the resources that are available. But the question is, How can the church do everything that it can to ensure that these people survive? Because anything less is not the gospel.

"Whether in Panama or elsewhere, we need to be communities that get together and say, 'How can the church meet the needs of this community?'" Michael added. "Whether they're Christians or not is not the drawing line. They're humans made in the image of God, and God says, 'You, Church, go and be a witness of my mercy and grace by reaching out to everybody, not just the people that you like.'"

Since its start, God has grown the church plant in El Cangrejo both in number and in the depth of its members' faith in Christ. In a context rife with poverty and destructive prosperity gospel teachings, the Lees and the Summers are sharing the true gospel of grace in word and deed, and the people are loving it.

"There are a number of refugees who have come to know Christ for the first time," said Michael. "Many have needs that only God can meet, but it is exciting to see the local church reach out in seeking to be part of the answer." [n](#)

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FROM THE COORDINATOR



Dr. Lloyd Kim

Welcoming My Immigrant Family

Lloyd is an unusual name for a Korean-American and so I am often asked how I got my name. My parents were immigrants from South Korea in the late '60s. When they came to America, they settled in a small California town and struggled with the language, culture, and life. My mom was one of the first foreign nurses the local hospital ever hired. Very soon it became evident that she needed help, especially with her English. So the hospital looked for someone who knew Korean to assist.

They found an older couple who had served as missionaries in Korea. This older couple adopted my parents, welcomed them into their church, and helped them adjust to life in America. My parents never forgot their kindness and generosity. When their second child was about to be born, they were hoping for a daughter they could name Grace, after their adoptive mother. But I came out, and so they named me Lloyd after their adoptive father. There were many Christians in that small town, but I am named after the one who welcomed my immigrant parents in the name of Jesus.

Now my parents' difficulties as immigrants only scratch the surface of what many refugees across the globe experience. Their stories are tragic. Who will come alongside them with love and kindness? Who will share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ? Who will welcome them into Christ's Church? *God not only loves the foreigner, but He tells His people to love the foreigner because they too were once foreigners* (Deut. 10:18–19). And Jesus Himself knows what it means to be a refugee. His family fled to Egypt to avoid persecution (Matt. 2:13–15). There are more than 65 million displaced people across the world, the most human history has ever known. More than 50 percent of them are children. Will you pray for the refugees here in our country and across the globe? Will you help support our efforts in making disciples among these who long for rest, home, and love that only God can provide?

Making disciples among refugees is not only compassionate, it is strategic. Many will return home to places difficult for missionaries to enter. Many will stay in host countries learning how to minister cross-culturally. Who knows? Perhaps one of their children will be the next coordinator of Mission to the World. [n](#)

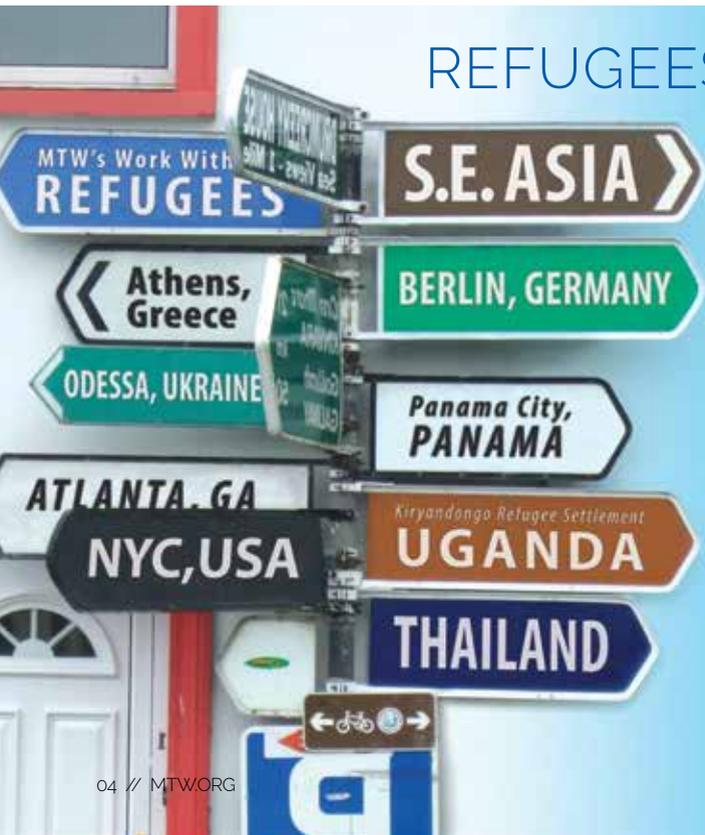
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REFUGEES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH



The number of refugees and displaced people around the world today is greater than at any other time in history, and MTW is responding. From Greece to Germany, Uganda to Panama, Ukraine to Atlanta and New York City, MTW missionaries are working with and through the local church as the hands and feet of Christ.

What does that look like? It looks like feeding the hungry in Athens and counseling the

traumatized in Ukraine. It looks like teaching sustainable agriculture to South Sudanese in refugee camps in Uganda and building relationships over tea and Bible studies in Berlin. It looks like teaching English to new Americans in Atlanta and sharing the gospel of grace with Venezuelans in Panama. It looks like preaching the gospel through word and deed. It looks like letting the world know the Church by our love that casts out fear. [n](#)

Dive Deeper at the Global Missions Pre-Conference

This year's pre-conference to the PCA Global Missions Conference is "Welcoming the Refugee." Join us in Dallas November 9–10 to learn about refugee and immigration issues from ministry experts. You'll hear powerful stories of changed lives and find out how you can be part of a worldwide kingdom movement to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the displaced.

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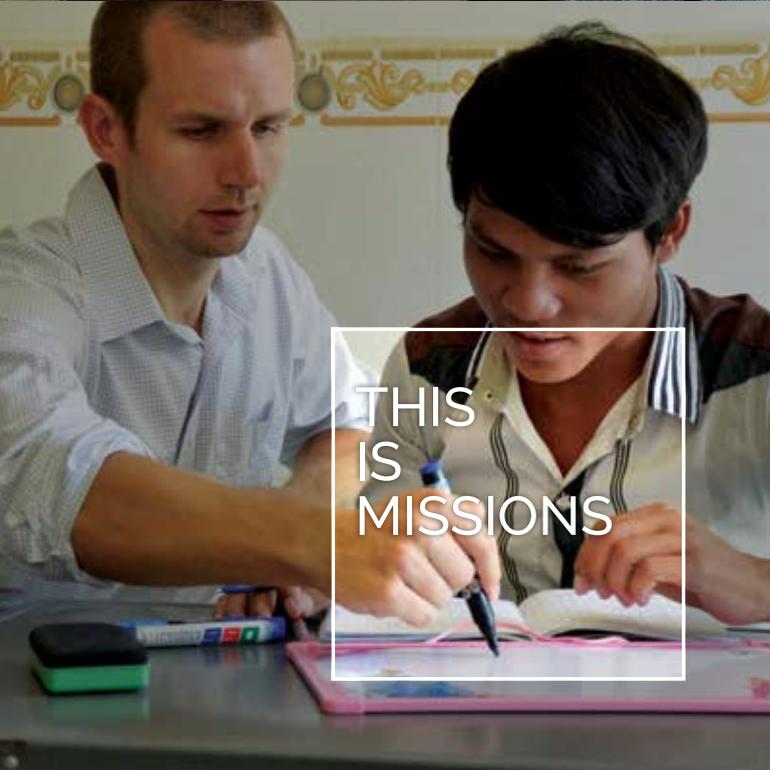


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SPONTANEOUS LOVE

AN MTW CHURCH PLANT IN UKRAINE EMBRACES DISABLED AND ELDERLY REFUGEES



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FIND YOUR THIS

In 2014 Eastern Ukraine was engulfed in conflict. Hundreds of thousands fled the fighting, but some could not.

Many of the elderly and disabled took shelter in their basements—and there they were trapped in the dark for over a month, with barely enough food to survive. When the food ran out, they decided to make a run for it.

Many who escaped their cities found their way to the province of Odessa, where the government housed them in sanatoriums: large vacation complexes along the Black Sea coast.

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Just southwest of Odessa is the town of Belgorod. It is here, in a little Ukrainian church planted by MTW missionaries, that a story of mercy began.

The pastor of the church in Belgorod saw that, though the refugees had been given basic supplies and a place to stay by the government, they needed more food, clothing, medical care, and counseling. Many were elderly or disabled.

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WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING

Bob and Andrea Burnham have been serving in Ukraine as church planters with MTW since 1995. “That church was one of the first churches we helped plant when we came to Ukraine,” said Bob, who now works with a church plant in Odessa. “They called us and said: ‘Hey, we’ve got to do something about this.’”

Churches in Odessa and Belgorod began bringing food, clothing, and medicine to the sanatoriums. They sent pastors and a team of counselors specially trained to minister to those affected by trauma and PTSD. Churches in the U.S. helped purchase medical supplies. Though the Burnhams and MTW were instrumental in starting these churches, now the Ukrainian church members and leadership were taking initiative and leading the charge to help their hurting countrymen.

When the Burnhams, other MTW missionaries, and national partners first started the Presbyterian denomination in Odessa, “We all wanted a church that would not only preach the truth, but would also transform and bring healing to communities,” Bob said. “And that’s exactly what they’re doing.

“It’s almost as if the closer they get to God, the more they can see the needs,” he added. “They love these people and care for them, and it’s a great testimony.

“It’s the same passion that God has for widows and orphans and the homeless, those who are in need. You look at the Old Testament and it’s peppered with God’s love for the outsider, the foreigner, the refugee. I believe God’s Holy Spirit has given a new heart and the love of Christ to these people.”

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THE STARTING LINE

HOW THE GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE CHANGED ONE WOMAN'S LIFE

Molly Waldren was a senior at Auburn University when a trip to the 2013 PCA Global Missions Conference (GMC) in Greenville, South Carolina, changed her direction.

“I wasn’t even planning on going,” said Molly. “But I was unsure what the next chapter in my life would look like and I felt like the Lord was possibly calling me into missions. ... So I went down to Greenville with one of my friends from Auburn thinking, ‘This could be something.’”

A PERFECT MATCHUP

At the GMC Molly had the chance to hear stories from MTW missionaries, attend focused breakout sessions, and meet with people who could talk through her calling and particular interests and match them with opportunities on the field. At the time, Molly was finishing a degree in early childhood education and had worked with women at a pregnancy center. She knew she wanted to teach or work with women and children, but beyond that things were unclear. Then an MTW staffer asked if she had ever thought about going to Bulgaria.

“My first thought was, ‘I’m not even sure where Bulgaria is,’” said Molly. “Isn’t that where Victor Krum in Harry Potter is from?”

And she was right! Not only is Bulgaria the home of the star Quidditch player Viktor Krum of Harry Potter fame, it is also home to an intrepid team of MTW missionaries,

planting churches and sharing the love of Christ. Molly was introduced to missionary Lydia Goeglein, who serves with MTW’s church-planting team in Bulgaria.

“Lydia was awesome,” Molly said. “She told me about all the different ministry opportunities to serve the church in Bulgaria.



Molly (left) and her friend Tanya Dimitrova in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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They’ve got ESL, a human trafficking ministry, an orphan ministry, a disability ministry, a preschool ministry. ... It was all the things that I was interested in, and it was really neat seeing how the Lord placed me there.”

A WIN FOR THE MISSIONARY AND THE CHURCH

With breakout sessions, missionary stories, worship, seminars from missions experts, and many chances to connect with opportunities in the field, GMC offers networking and development opportunities for both missions teams and individuals looking to serve. MTW Bulgaria Team Leader Dal Stanton, who has had several people join his team through GMC connections, sees the conference as a prime opportunity for the Bulgaria team members to introduce themselves to potential missionaries and give them a glimpse of missions.

“GMC is a conference, but for many young adults it is also a starting line that God uses to change the direction of their lives and show them how serving overseas can be used to impact people for Christ in wonderfully significant ways,” said Dal. “Molly was one of our textbook cases of how God has worked. She was only with us for a short while, but she made an impact on Bulgarian friends that continues to bear fruit today.”

After completing her degree, Molly served for a year with MTW Bulgaria’s mentored internship program, The Well. She also worked in an administrative role with Daughters of Bulgaria, the team’s outreach to trafficked women.

“Serving in Bulgaria was one of the hardest things that I have ever done, but it was incredible,” said Molly. “I learned so much, and I was challenged and mentored by wonderful women.

“It was in Bulgaria where I really learned about community, about loving one another out of the love of Jesus, and how as we grow in our faith we become better lovers of one another,” she added. “And GMC provided the wisdom and guidance from missionaries and other believers that I needed to make that decision to serve overseas.”

The GMC Travels to Dallas

The 2017 PCA Global Missions Conference will be held November 10–12 in Dallas, Texas, at the Hilton Anatole, co-hosted by MTW and Park Cities Presbyterian Church.

Whether you are a teacher or a doctor, a pastor or an artist, God has given you a unique story and unique gifts that can be used to help build His Church in a broken world. Over 80 sessions will expand your understanding of global missions and help you find your place in God’s story. Register at mtw.org/thisismissions.



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Author, Pastor



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MENDERS

THE CHURCH PURSUES RECONCILIATION AND SUSTAINABILITY AMONG SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES

There are 480 names on Jeremy Martin's list. Young and old, men and women, Nuer and Dinka and Acholi. Different tribes, same fear. But for the grace of God, a few trucks, and the Ugandan army, 480 lives could have been snuffed out like so many candles.

In July 2016, South Sudan's fragile peace was shattered in a hail of gunfire as shooting broke out once again between government troops and rebels in Juba, the capital city of the newest country in the world. As the violence escalated, reports of ethnic killings



A group of South Sudanese women in the refugee settlement.

and atrocities from both sides filtered across the airwaves, and thousands fled the cities and towns to hide out in the bush or seek shelter across the Ugandan border to the south.

A CALL TO ACTION

That's when missionary Jeremy Martin and MTW's team in Kampala, Uganda, got the call—people were trapped between Juba and the Ugandan border. They needed help. The call came from Rev. James Bab Manyol, a South Sudanese graduate of Westminster Christian Institute Uganda, the Bible school run by the Presbyterian Church of Uganda and at which a number of MTW missionaries teach. He saw his people in crisis and was determined to offer aide.

Jeremy asked MTW for help, and received funding from the PCA Compassion Fund to get as many of the refugees out of South Sudan as they could manage. Initially Jeremy and his team estimated that with the available funding James would be able to transport 250 people out of harm's way, but when the MTW and Presbyterian Church of South Sudan team sent vehicles north to the rescue, they fell in with a Ugandan military convoy of large trucks that was also heading into South Sudan. With the army's assistance, James and his team were able to transport 480 South Sudanese safely into the Kiryandongo refugee settlement across the border—nearly twice as many as they had thought possible.

"They were protected the whole way," said Jeremy. "It's been breathtaking at times to see how the Lord is providing for His people."

Since then, Jeremy has been working in the Kiryandongo refugee settlement in central Uganda in partnership with the leadership of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and the South Sudan Christian International Fund for Refugees (SSCIFR). What began simply as emergency financial support has evolved to address the long-term needs of the refugees in Kiryandongo.

"The Lord really started working on my heart while we were in the camp," Jeremy said. "One of the passages that has been on my heart is Deuteronomy 10:19: 'Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.' We started exploring possibilities. 'What can we bring? How can we come alongside and love these people the way the Lord commanded us to?'"

THE CHURCH AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING

The U.N. offers security and basic supplies for the 62,000 South Sudanese refugees who have materialized in Kiryandongo

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since conflict first broke out in 2013. As Jeremy initially took stock of the camp's surroundings and began asking questions, he noted several things. First, two of the refugees' major problems were food security and a lack of means to generate income. Second, Kiryandongo is set in a fertile area ripe for farming and with ample room to do so. While the refugees had access to the land and were farming it to some extent, they weren't utilizing its full potential.

To address these needs, Jeremy partnered with missionaries from World Gospel Mission to put on classes in Farming God's Way (FGW). These sessions combine training in sound, sustainable agricultural techniques with biblical teaching.

"We had 47 participants in the last training," Jeremy said. "About 30 of them were women and they were very enthusiastic. ... They're striving for their families and their kids. It was really exciting to hear them asking, 'How are you going to take this to everybody else in the camp?'"

TRIBAL RECONCILIATION AMONG BELIEVERS

In building these programs, Jeremy has been working with the leadership of the South Sudanese Presbyterian Church in conjunction with community leaders of various tribes represented in the camp. Back in South Sudan, the civil war has

pitted primarily Dinka government troops against primarily Nuer rebels, with other tribes being caught up in the crossfire. Despite this root conflict, Jeremy has witnessed reconciliation between tribes as they come together under the umbrella of the Church.



Participants in the "Farming God's Way" training in the refugee camp.



Reverend Bab (left) with his church's youth choir.

"When I went to meet with the leaders, most are Nuer, but I'm sitting next to Dinka, Moru, Kuku. You name the tribe, they're there," said Jeremy. "It's exciting to see Dinka community leaders embracing Nuer community leaders with a hug of friendship. I think you're seeing very clear evidence of tribal relations being rebuilt."

And that's the power of Christ and the gospel: tribes and nations fracture and fly at each other's throats, yet Jesus can mend even rifts wrought in bloodshed and hate.

In South Sudan, the conflict and atrocities continue, but God remembers every name on Jeremy's list. In a refugee camp in central Uganda, God is working through the Church to care for the physical and spiritual needs of the fatherless, the widow, and the refugee, to mend relationships broken by war, and to draw many into the lasting hope offered in Christ. [n](#)

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When Local Missions is Global

OUR CHURCH'S OUTREACH TO REFUGEES

As a missions-minded church in Atlanta, Georgia, that has sent and supported missionaries around the world for decades (and continues to do so!), Westminster Presbyterian Church has been blessed by recent opportunities to minister to the nations in our city.

BY: ERIK VEERMAN

In fact, the roots go back 10 years to when we first partnered with a local refugee ministry to help run a week-long summer camp for refugee children. We have continued that to this day, every year bringing over 100 refugee children to our church camp, Camp Westminster, where 30–40 of our adult members and youth spend a week with the kids, enjoying the activities, developing relationships, and sharing our hope in Christ.

BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

In recent years, we have also partnered with the MTW Clarkston team, assisting in various ways from teaching ESL, to supporting families, to helping with weekly Bible story time in different apartment complexes in Clarkston. Several of our church families have also “adopted” refugee families and help them with tutoring and job searches, as well as caring for them in other ways as needs arise. The needs are many, and members who are not able to be involved because of other commitments or life situations still help through financial support or by donating clothes, food, or blankets.

Through these ministries and partnerships, we’ve experienced both the giving and the receiving of blessings that Paul talks about in Philippians. As we’ve poured out our energy, time, and love to our neighbors from around the world, we have received blessings from them that have in many ways far outweighed our investment. These have come through new friendships, sharing joys and sorrows, listening to stories of hope and hardship, being encouraged, and seeing hearts and minds transformed by the gospel. This receiving is not what we necessarily expected, but it has deepened our hearts for missions and fueled more desire, passion, and love for the lost from all tribes, tongues, and nations, whether next door or around the world. [📖](#)

Rev. Erik Veerman is the director of ministries for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Is your church interested in serving refugees in Clarkston? Email missiontrips@mtw.org for more information.



Group shot of church volunteers and refugee children attending Camp Westminster

Only seven miles from our doors is Clarkston, a refugee resettlement city, where there are more people groups represented in one square mile than anywhere else in the world. The nations have come to us!

Over the last 10 years, our local outreach identity has transformed, blending with our global mission identity as we welcome and care for our new neighbors—the nations—in the name of Christ and for the sake of the gospel.

Our refugee ministry has taken on various forms and is still growing and maturing. Partnerships have been key to enabling and providing opportunities for our members to get involved.



Aram's Exodus

A REFUGEE STORY OF ESCAPE AND REDEMPTION

Aram* grew up in an Iranian home of great privilege. His father became a renowned imam, a spiritual teacher of his city and its outlying regions. Not only that, his father served faithfully in the military as a fighter pilot. He was a military hero and spiritual leader.

Aram had every reason to expect an upbringing of plenty and protection. Such was not the case, however. Neither was his home life happy: his father was detached and controlling. As a child Aram recalls being beaten mercilessly just for playing with a Christian. He longed for a father of mercy, of nearness, and a home of peace. He sought it in Islam, but never found it. Allah is referred to by many names in the Koran, but father isn't one of them.

A DANGEROUS JOURNEY

Escaping from his father's tyranny, Aram set out for Europe. He had no clue where he might end up. The journey was long and perilous. He recalls the most horrific part: the two-hour boat trip from Turkey to Greece. On an inflatable raft meant for 25 people, 87 braved the turbulent waters. The raft began to fill with water, meaning a most certain death for all on board. Aram, a diabetic lacking his medication, was able to bail water for hours. "I can't explain it. I felt peace ... and a power rush over me. God met me there." It wasn't Allah, though. It was something, someone completely different. Aram sensed God preserving his life for something more. In that moment he began a search to know this God who preserves and protects.

Aram eventually made it to Berlin and became friends with a woman who attends our church. Niki sensed Aram's spiritual hunger and brought him to our German/Persian Bible study. We saw the scars from years of physical and emotional abuse. He shifted nervously in his chair, scanning the room for possible recording devices. If it was known he was attending

a Christian Bible study, it could have dire consequences for himself and his family.

On a Monday night, while studying the Passover in Exodus, God met Aram again. He saw God's care, His provision, His protection of His people from certain death. Aram also saw from Luke 22 that Jesus is the true fulfill-

BY: DAVID STODDARD



Aram's escape, like that of many others, began on a raft bound for Greece.

ment of the Exodus. He then asked the questions we all dream of hearing as missionaries: “What should I do? How can I believe?” On that Monday he confessed his sinfulness, his need for Jesus' blood to cover the doorposts of his life, and entrusted his life to the only God who provides and protects. He finally found a home. And a Father who loves him. [📖](#)

David Stoddard is an MTW missionary serving in Germany. Aram continues to attend the Bible study and soaks up Scripture. He attends worship regularly and was recently baptized along with four other refugees.

*Name changed for security reasons.

Explore opportunities to serve refugees in Europe. mtw.org/engage



Sent by China

Several years ago, a small network of house churches in northern China developed their vision to mobilize nationals for global missions work. In the past several months there has been a renewal of energy and direction among national members. In December the first long-term East Asian missionary was commissioned from this network to serve in the Middle East! The network is in the early stages of transforming into a sending organization. Please pray for this momentum to continue and for God to make China into a missionary-sending nation.

Reformed Literature Translated into Burmese

MTW is partnering with Burmese nationals to translate Christian literature for the benefit of local pastors and teachers, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Myanmar, and the broader Christian community. So far The Shorter Catechism has been translated into Burmese, and 300 hymns have been translated into Miso for the Mru people. Now the team is expanding the scope of their ministry and stepping into book publishing.

The first book to be translated will be *The Whole Christ* by Sinclair Ferguson. The second will be Calvin's *Institutes*. The hope is to eventually start a publishing company to serve the Church in Asia.

What's This 1% Campaign All About?

Last fall, MTW began challenging the PCA to pledge one percent of our members to global missions. What would happen if every PCA church sent one percent? Well, with 287,746 PCA members, that means there could be 2,877 new missionaries advancing the kingdom for Christ on the mission field! How many unreached people groups would hear the gospel? How many new churches would be planted? It's an exciting vision to pursue. We have resources to help

your church mobilize missionaries, and the biggest is the PCA Global Missions Conference (GMC), which MTW is hosting with Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, November 10-12, 2017. This conference is a prime opportunity to bring church members who are considering missions and allow them to explore firsthand their unique calling and the many opportunities to serve using their gifts. It's also a tool for equipping and energizing missions committees. Visit mtw.org/areyou1 for resources to help you share this vision with your church. As your church considers this pledge, please commit to praying that God would raise up this one percent out of our churches. We know He works through the prayers of His people.

If you haven't registered for the GMC, remember that prices go up Aug 1! Take advantage of our \$20 per person group discount—if you're offering scholarships to your members, that's \$100 savings for every five people you send. Register and get questions answered at mtw.org/thisismissions.

Welcome New Missionaries!

Join us in welcoming the following new missionaries who were recently approved:

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Jessica* (Europe)
Laurie* (Middle East)
Joe & Hannah Nowland (Greece)
Teresa Weber (Thailand)

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Chris Barker (South Africa)
Andrew & Kelly Baxley (Colombia)
Dick & Joanne Brown (Colombia)
Kay Burklin (Europe)
Elisabeth Cary (Bulgaria)
Jonas & Christina Davison (Japan)
Jim Dewitt (Mexico)

Ezies* (Middle East)
Lydia Goeglein (Bulgaria)
Foster & Laura Gullett (Italy)
Shaun & Rebecca Hurrie (South Africa)
Roger & Joy Kim (Peru)
Joe & Kelly* (Middle East)
John & Kelley Beth* (South Asia)



New missionaries at Launch, fall 2016



Josiah & Miriam* (West Africa)
Jonathan & Joy* (East Asia)
Brett & Valerie McAlpin (Bulgaria)
Tom & Karen Mirabella (Japan)
Kirk and Anna Norris (Ukraine)
Mel & Martha Pike (Ukraine)
Robin Price (Ukraine)
Rachel Reese (Japan)
Jonathan & Kathleen Shumate (Taiwan)
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