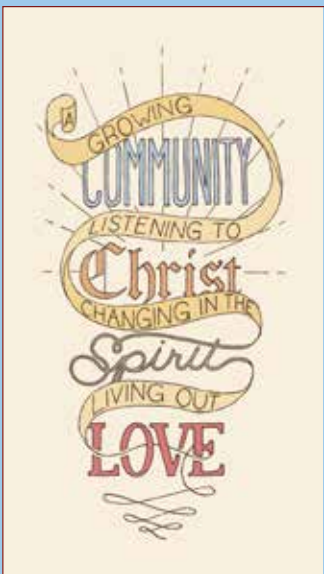


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Ministry Happens

What's Up with the Refugee Response Committee?

by David Sherwood

Yes, there is a Refugee Response Committee. And, well, we're still trying to figure out what's up.

In response to a growing concern on the local level about developing a Christ-like response to the worldwide refugee crisis, a group from Newberg Friends met on November 8, 2015, in a discernment gathering. The vision was to brainstorm and discern regarding how Newberg Friends and others might respond to the refugee crisis with both immediate and long-term actions, including the possibility of assisting in local refugee resettlement.

The group has since met twice (December 13 and January 10) and has grown to include Friends from North Valley, Tigard, and Mercy Corp. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 5 p.m. in Barclay A, and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

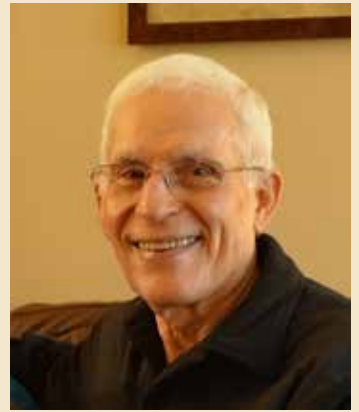
From the beginning there has been interest in exploring the possibility of supporting the resettlement of at least one refugee family in our community, but we have learned there are major logistical challenges to doing that. Because Catholic Charities, Lutheran Family Services, and Ecumenical Ministries of Portland are the federally-designated and funded agencies for coordinating the placement of refugees in the Portland area, it is crucial that families be placed in close enough proximity to these agencies to be able to access critical services, classes, and appointments on a regular basis. However,



these agencies are seeking family sponsors, so we are continuing to explore opportunities to partner with them. Lutheran Family Services will hold a Pastors Summit on January 27; Gregg Koskela and Elizabeth Sherwood will attend.

In the meantime, several short-term responses have been carried out or are in process. Some of these include:

- Paula Hampton and about 25 women, age 11-89 sewed 97 bags for hygiene kits and filled them for distribution in refugee camps by



Mennonite Central Committee.

- Shawn McConaughy has agreed to be point person to get the word out to NWYM churches about the Refugee Response Committee.
- Rachelle Staley, Erica Brand, and Sandra Fish coordinated the collection of refugee emergency kit items for Medical Teams International, then took a group of youth there to experience the Real Life exhibit and to pack refugee emergency kits.
- The Sherwood family (Newberg and New England branches) made refugee relief a joint family Christmas project, putting together eight adult emergency kits and eight infant kits for Medical Teams International and delivering them to the MTI headquarters in Tigard.
- Gregg took part in a Rumie Hackathon organized by Twila Tschan, held at NFC on December 23, to develop lesson plans for learning tablets. This group uses crowd sourcing to gather

and curate educational resources for refugees. Access the website [HERE](#). Beth LaForce plans to involve George Fox education majors in helping to support this project on a more ongoing basis.

- Michelle Akins has connected with Catholic Charities to see what outfitting an apartment for a refugee family entails.
- Tigard Friends Church has discussed the possibility of helping a refugee family through partnering with other churches such as Newberg Friends.

Clearly, we have energy and interest, and we are still trying to figure out what's up and what's the best way forward. Some things, like taking on a family partnership, will involve a serious, sustainable long-term commitment. Other things, like refugee kits, are easier.

What would you like Newberg Friends to do? Would you like to help us figure it out? See you February 21 at 5 p.m. in Barclay A!

For your convenience, we include shopping lists for the two Syrian refugee kits being collected by Medical Teams International. For a status update toward the goal of 10,000 kits , [CLICK HERE](#).

FAMILY REFUGEE KIT (~\$29):

- 4-pack of toilet paper
- 3.1 ounce bar of soap
- 22.5 ounce bottle of shampoo
- 4 toothbrushes
- 2 6.4 ounce tubes of toothpaste
- 2-pack of bath towels
- 36 count sanitary pads
- 2.5 ounce hand sanitizing gel
- 4- to 10-pack of shaving razors with travel size shaving cream
- \$4 for shipping costs

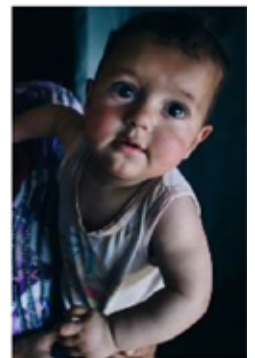
Note: kit items can be donated in any bag or box, drawstring garbage bag preferred. Customs officials request all supplies be in their original packaging.



INFANT REFUGEE KIT (~\$19):

- 36-pack disposable diapers
- Travel pack of wet wipes
- 15 ounce bottle baby shampoo
- Tube of diaper rash cream
- Washcloth
- \$4 for shipping costs

Note: kit items can be donated in any bag or box, drawstring garbage bag preferred. Customs officials request all supplies be in their original packaging.



All items can be dropped off throughout January at either the NWYM office (in green bins on porch when office is closed) or directly at Medical Teams International headquarters: 14150 SW Milton Ct, Portland, OR 97224.

Also, you don't need to donate a whole kit; separate items are great! MTI is especially low on diapers in packs of about 36 and on bath towels. All items must be new and unwashed (towels).



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

9am | worship gathering

9am | unprogrammed worship | Barclay C

10-10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class | Barclay B

10:45am | worship gathering

1:30pm | Bible Quiz practice | Friends Center

Monday, January 25

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | NFC social hall | featuring a Skype conversation with Badgleys, Friends Serving Abroad

Wednesday, January 27

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Thursday, January 28

Women's Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

Friday, January 29

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Memorial service for Edna Williams | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Saturday, January 20

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Sunday, January 31

Read ahead: Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Hebrews 4:9-11

Plan Ahead

February 1 | JOY breakfast | 9am | Hess Creek dining room | for seniors 55 and older | \$4

February 4 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs

February 7 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

February 11 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

February 13 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

February 17 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Joe Lynne Rader, NWYM Friends Women president

February 25 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Need Sheet

Needed:

- We are a newly married couple and just recently moved back to Newberg from Quaker Hill in McCall, Idaho. We are looking for a mother-in-law suite *or* one- to two-bedroom apartment, preferably somewhere that neighbors the woods (we are having a hard time transitioning back from McCall), but are more than willing to live in town. We are looking for rent in the \$600-800/ month range. Please text or call Kelsey VanderTaft (nee VandenHoek) at 971-371-0652.
- I am looking for a queen and full bed. Contact Eileen Hassett at ehassett@alumni.nd.edu.

Available:

- Need a few hours to yourself or with your sweetie? Ethan, age 13, is available to babysit! American Red Cross trained. Character references available. Prices negotiable. Happy to serve as babysitter or mother's/father's helper. Ethan's cell 971-770-4773. I'm Ethan's mother, Gennie Harris 503-929-9777. Please call either one of us for more information.
- House for rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 950 sf with garage and yard in country setting just outside city limits. \$1,000/mo. Utilities are not included. 12479 NE Honey Lane, Newberg. Contact Ron or Debbie Dingman at 503-550-7385.
- Furnished room for rent in a 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo behind Fred Meyer in Newberg. Close to George Fox, PCC, and the Yamhill County bus stop. Available February 1, 2016. Share bathroom with other renter. Use of laundry, wireless Internet, and kitchen. Cable TV hook-up in room. References required. No Pets -No smoking. \$400 plus 1/3 of the utilities (ranging from \$100 - \$150 – average is \$120). Call 503-522-6839 or e-mail okelleyd@gmail.com.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org
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deadline: February 10 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads
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