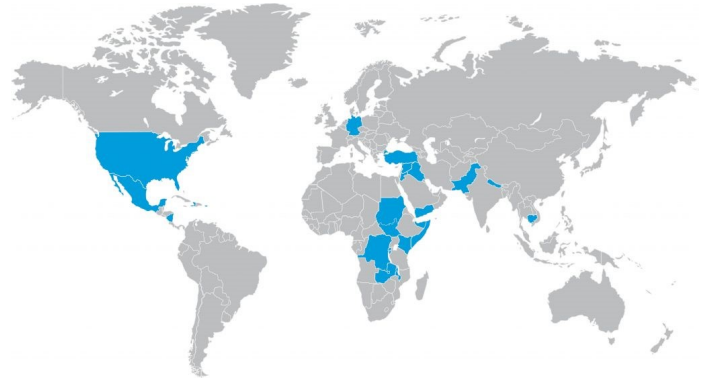




God said to Moses, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.”

Last September, our congregation held a Bible study using the book *Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis*. This book is published by the agency World Relief, an organization that works with immigrants and refugees across the globe. This week, as God hears the cry of the Hebrew people and prepares them to become refugees, fleeing a place of oppression toward a place of safety, we will revisit this subject and see what work is being done and contemplate how God is calling us to continue to support their work today.



“For over 75 years, across 100 countries, we’ve been tackling the world’s greatest problems with sustainable solutions, transforming communities from the inside out.

World Relief has offices throughout the United States, each with unique opportunities to work and volunteer.”

<https://worldrelief.org/>

Read Exodus Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

What was the name of the Jewish Patriarch that brought his family into Egypt during a famine?

How many years have passed since Joseph and his family entered Egypt?

What are the oppressive conditions the Hebrew people are living under?

Today, over 70 million people around the world have been forced to leave their home. Each day, that number grows by over 44,000.

These families are fleeing for their lives, praying for their safety and desperately seeking refuge.

Who is a refugee?

In popular usage: a refugee is a person fleeing life-threatening conditions, such as fleeing violence, economic devastation or climate catastrophes.

As a legal definition: a refugee is a person who is outside their own country and will not or cannot return because of a “well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.”

How might the popular definition apply to the Hebrew people fleeing Egypt?

How about the legal definition?

The journey of today's refugee

1. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees determines if a person qualifies as a refugee.
2. If the refugee is referred to another country for resettlement, say the US, there is a series of security checks run by local and national law enforcement and intelligence agencies
3. This includes in person interviews with a US Homeland Security officer
4. A conditional approval is awarded before medical screening happens, if medical screening doesn't happen within a set period of time, the individual begins again at step 2.
5. A refugee with conditional approval is assigned a sponsor agency, such as World Relief. This agency assists with resettlement.
6. While waiting resettlement, the sponsoring agency offers cultural orientation. The refugee is losing a home, and gaining a new home, and there are a lot of differences to learn about.
7. Before resettlement is granted, a final series of security clearances is conducted
8. Once admitted to the US, the refugee is greeted by the sponsoring agency and begins resettlement.
9. This process can take 18 months to 3 years.

Go to WorldRelief.org

Click on the "Our Work" button, then click on the "Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons" picture.

How does World Relief -
Provide Humanitarian Assistance?

Restore Hope?

Rebuild Futures?

Go to WorldRelief.org

Click on the "News and Stories" button

Click on "3 Neglected Global Humanitarian Crises"
Read the article.

Where are these 3 neglected Global Humanitarian Crises happening today?

God is speaking to someone today, just as God said to Moses. Read Exodus 3:7

Rewrite Verse 7 here, but replaced the word "Egypt" with the location of one of the locations found in this article.

World Relief is responding, just as Moses responded to God's calling. How does the article tell us World Relief is responding in these situations?

Click on the "Get Involved Button"

Explore this page. What are two ways you can assist World Relief from your home here in Warren County?
