



Creating a Heart for Afghans: Church or Group Engagement

Church/Group Engagement:

Engaging in a place like Afghanistan can seem like too big a proposition to even consider. We get it! If you are part of a small group or of a church that is committed to serving globally (or you WANT to be) we want to help you find a place to begin.

Afghans living in the US

More than half of all refugees on the planet come from just three countries. Afghanistan, Syria and Somalia. There are pockets of Afghans in many cities in the US. We are prayerfully moving toward serving Afghans in NYC. We will be hosting teams in the future, connecting them to initiatives that will help with integration to the US, English language, work with children, etc.

For more information, contact us at:
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Here are some ways you can be involved in your own community:

- Check with leaders in your church about their goals and needs for reaching out in meaningful ways in your community.
- Reach out to local refugee resettlement programs and ask about Afghans in your community. There may be families close to you that need someone to walk through the difficult transition of life here.
- As a small group, pray for God to guide your interest to the place/people of greatest need.

Make an Impact IN Afghanistan:

Afghanistan has been impacted by war for over 30 years. The infrastructure is still fragile and security is an ongoing issue that affects growth of business, employment, mental health, educational opportunities...almost every aspect of life for the Afghan people. In our 16-year history working in Afghanistan we have witnessed positive change through the power of people working together. We want to invite YOU into this amazing opportunity to serve the most amazing people. Our work operates on the principal of building the capacity of the Afghan people. It is our desire to see transformation occur through equipping and encouraging them to fulfill their own dreams for their futures.

Here are some steps your small group or church could take to get involved:

- Learn more about Afghanistan. We have a great list of resources that could help you get started.
- Look at the make-up of your group or church. What skills or experience are represented? Our initiatives span areas that touch all areas of the lives of the families we serve. Check out the website for more information on each area. Is there one area that resonates? We'd love to talk through your interests and point you toward where we could leverage your interest, skills and experience.
- Pray. God has created each of us individually and as communities with specific gifts we can share. Pray He will direct you.
- Host an informational meeting with those in your small group or your church. We can provide resources to share, skype in to the meeting to answer questions or would love to come and share in person.
- Come and See! We welcome visitors to see first-hand the work in Afghanistan. We provide help all along the way. Recruiting, fundraising, pre-field training, and debriefing are all areas where we can assist.



If you have questions, want more resources, need some encouragement on how to get started...anything at all, email us at

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There is a way from heart to heart.