

ABOUT THE OFFERING

God's heart beats hard for His children. 160 million children are without homes or families. This year's God's Heart for the World Offering focuses on these.

- Local orphans with no voice and little hope.
- Global orphans served by our partner churches.
- Displaced (refugee) children coming to the west with or without their families.

WHY THIS OFFERING?

- Christ-followers are empowered to lead the way in caring for local orphans. A special fund will help foster children and their families with clothing, childcare, respite, advocates, and urgent needs.
- Sabuli Children's Center (Congo) is giving 100 global orphans hope! Our offering provides sustainable vocational training so they have a future as adults.
- The number of displaced children is growing, and they live in some of the most unsafe places, often without the gospel. Families fleeing for survival are opening hearts to Jesus. Our offering builds playgrounds and sports outreach programs for local believers to engage with these new friends.

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NEXT STEPS

Money multiplies time and talents but everything starts with a relationship. Prayerfully consider how you might serve needy children.

FOSTER CHILDREN

- Come to an interest meeting to learn more about befriending and parenting foster children.
> November 9 - 7:00 pm
- Serve foster children (and parents) at Parents' Night Out.
> November 11 - 3:15-8:30 pm
- Learn how caring for foster children can help decrease human trafficking.
> November 12 Lunch - 12:30-2:00 pm
- Attend the launch meeting November 30, 7:00 pm:
> Learn what is required to be a foster parent.
> Discover support you will have from PCC in the process.

GLOBAL ORPHANS

Sabuli Sanguma will be at PCC this winter. Visit pccaroundtheworld.com to learn when you can meet her at a local event. Consider visiting Congo or Malawi in 2018 to better advocate for global orphaned children and grow your heart.

REFUGEE FAMILIES

Join an intercultural discipleship team in 2018 serving refugee families.

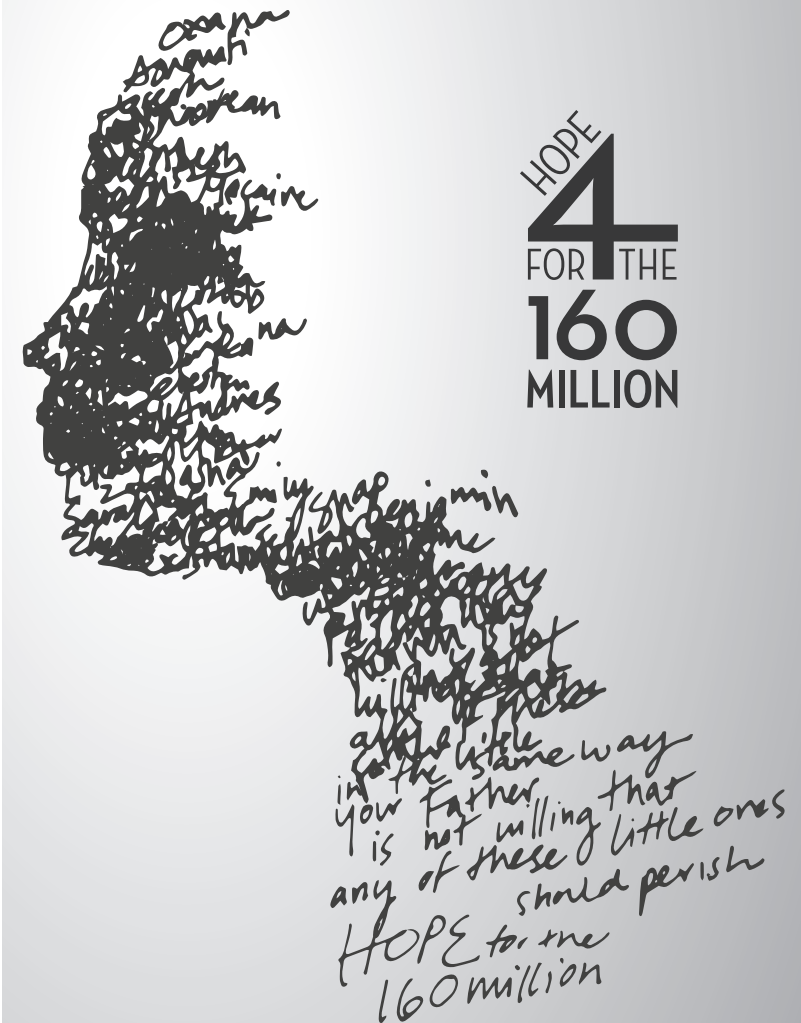
STAY CONNECTED

- Visit www.pccaroundtheworld.com: Teams are serving vulnerable children in Congo, Malawi, North Africa, Spain, Italy, Greece.
- Subscribe to www.pccaroundtheworld.com for the latest stories and news how God's heart is present all over the world. Visit www.wearepcc.com for details on events.
- Visit the Glocal Hub today to discover real life stories.

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WHAT IS A DISPLACED CHILD?

There is an unprecedented number of displaced people in our world today. Nearly 66 million people forcibly displaced from their homeland.: 20 people displaced every minute. Over 50% are children! Whether they are escaping war in Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, or the Congo, refugees have many things in common – including disruption of their lives, lack of security, and basic human needs.

Every day there are reports of the perilous crossing of the Sahara Desert and Mediterranean Sea by thousands of refugees and African migrants hoping for a better life in Europe, and for security for their children. However many of them only find poverty and inhospitable residence.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

Mark 9:33-37 “And they came to Capernaum. And when [Jesus] was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”



READ

God couldn't be clearer regarding how we are to love refugees. This is expressed multiple times in the law. Deuteronomy 10:18 says, “[He] loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

Again Leviticus 19:34 says, “You are to treat the resident alien the same way you treat the native born among you.” (ISV) God emphasized this because he wanted us to remember our true citizenship in Heaven and to keep a humble posture as sojourners. Jesus reminds His disciples of this posture of humility when he catches them in a moment of pride and superiority. He admonishes them that real greatness is service of others. He uses a child to explain that receiving a child in His name is actually receiving Him!

Jesus himself was a refugee child when His parents fled genocide in Palestine and sojourned in Egypt. Jesus knows what it means to be vulnerable and homeless. Surely, having concern for the refugee, treating each with dignity, and receiving their children for fun and play and the good news of Jesus is near the heart of God!

The majority of these precious people come from least reached peoples in Muslim-majority nations. In their homelands and communities they are often restricted from freely accessing God's word and the hope we have in Christ. Beyond this, there are often anti-conversion laws and severe persecution for those who choose to leave Islam for Christ. Entering new surroundings and open societies brings a significant opportunity to engage with Christians and encounter the Good News of Jesus. Many are responding to an invitation to follow Jesus and celebrating their new found family in Christ.



PRAY FOR:

MONDAY

Peace in the Middle East, especially Syria.

TUESDAY

Children crossing the Mediterranean Sea, that they would reach Europe safely, with their families.

WEDNESDAY

Ministries in Greece, Italy and Spain who are receiving most of the refugees and migrants entering Europe.

THURSDAY

Placement of refugee children throughout the world, that they would find hospitable families, homes and neighborhoods.

FRIDAY

Christians to share Jesus' love and the hope of the Gospel so that every refugee in the world has an opportunity to receive Jesus' love and forgiveness.



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CONSIDER

66 million people in refugee situations
33 million displaced children
Many refugees are from a Muslim background.